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The Times Portfolio competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs Jabeen Agha of London. It was double the usual daily prize because no one won on Tuesday. Portfolio list, page 14; how to play, information service, back page.
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Strategic retreat on debate of phone-tapping Bill

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday staged a strategic retreat with its legislation on telephone tapping and mail interception after Lord Bridge, chairman of the Security Commission, reported that allegations of improperly authorized interception were without foundation.

Ministers deliberately allowed the marathon debate on water fluoridation to kill yesterday's debate on the Interception of Communications Bill.

A measure of the furore which would have been provoked by the planned second reading, of the Bill, now expected to take place next week, was provided by Labour and Alliance leaders.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour frontbench spokesman, said: "The Bridge report, if it can be dignified by such a description, is an insult and an outrage."

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said that it was totally inadequate. He added: "The secret state is out of control and democracy is threatened."

Allegations about the improper use of telephone tapping and Security Service surveillance were raised in the controversial Channel Four *20/20 Vision* film, MI5's Official Secrets.

After the decision of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, not to prosecute those involved in making the film, it was decided yesterday that it would be broadcast tomorrow.

Mr Kaufmann said that "very many millions of people" would now watch the film and understand the questions which it had raised.

Nevertheless, Lord Bridge reported to the Prime Minister that he had carried out an urgent investigation and concluded: "I am satisfied, after full examination of all the relevant documents, that no warrant for interception has been issued in contravention of the appropriate criteria."

Mr Kaufmann said that Lord Bridge had been asked a loaded question and had supplied an inevitable answer.

He had not been asked about authorized interception of people falsely classified as subversives; whether there had been infiltration of non-subversive organizations, such as CND and Shelter; whether ministers had used MI5 maial for political purposes, in breach of MI5 rules; whether there had been investigation of the political and personal lives of members of non-subversive organizations such as the National Council for Civil Liberties.



Mr Kaufmann said: "As long as the Government refuse to treat these matters with the seriousness they deserve, people will understandably believe that the Government has something to hide."

However, the Prime Minister has already, and repeatedly, issued a blanket denial of the film's other allegations.

She has stated: "It is for the Home Secretary and me to satisfy ourselves that the Security Service operates entirely within the letter and the spirit of its directive, to which the greatest importance is attached.

"We accept this responsibility, which I can assure you is fully discharged, as it always has been."

It would appear that the key to all the film's allegations lies in the official definition of subversion, one of the grounds for the signing of interception warrants by a Home Secretary.

The standing definition was slipped out by Lord Harris of Greenwich, then a Labour Home Office minister of state, in a speech ot the Lords on February 26, 1975 – the day of publication of the White Paper on the EEC referendum. Hansard index shows that the definition was not given to the Commons until April 6.

Lord Harris said ten years ago: "Subversive activities are generally regarded as those which threaten the saety or wellbeing of the State, and which are intended to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means."

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A day the Commons missed

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Opponents of the Government's Water (Fluoridation) Bill yesterday did the Government an unexpected good turn by holding up its progress throughout Tuesday night so that Wednesday's business was cancelled – a rare occurence.

The ranks of anti-fluoridists did not prevent the Bill completing its progress: but they prevented a prolonged onslaught by the Opposition on the Government for persisting, as it had intended, in seeking a second reading for its Interception of Communications Bill.

That Bill, which will create a new statutory framework for interception of mail and tapping of telephones, will be brought back next week, by which time ministers hope the Opposition may receive it with less hostility.

The Fluoridation Bill clarifies the law, in the words of Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, to enable the practice of adding fluoride to water in some parts of England to continue, and the same practice to be resumed in Scotland.

It was occasioned by Lord Jauncey's judgement in the Court of Session, in Edinburgh in June, 1983 that the addition of fluoride to water supplies by Strathclyde Regional Council was *ultra vires*.

The Government's view is that fluoridation is valuable in preventing dental decay.

The Bill's opponents object to what Sir Ian Percival, Conservative MP for Southport, called "compulsory medication."

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The MP who spoke for 4 hours

By Alan Hamilton

The perpetrator of the longest speech inflicted on the House of Commons this century denied yesterday, in a voice undimmed by four hours and 23 minutes of strultifying oration, that it had been his primary intention to bore the Government into submission.

Mr Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton-on-Trent, opened his mouth at 5.12am yesterday morning on the subject of fluoridation of water and did not close it again until 9.35am, thereby beating by several lengths the previous record for verbosity of three hours 12 minutes established in 1974 by his Tory colleague, Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point.

Mr Lawrence said that he could happily have spoken longer, possibly even challenging Henry Brougham's all-time world-class record of six hours in 1828, had not the presence of his *alter ego*, that of the senior barrister, been required in court 12 at the Central Criminal Court, where he is appearing as defence counsel in the case concerning the all-time record robbery of cash in Britain.

"It was not a filibuster; I was not just looking for things to say, and I did not repeat myself", Mr Lawrence said in his remarkably undamaged baritone. "I wanted the argument against fluoridation of water to go on the record; it just happens to be a rather long argument."

Mr Lawrence, a long-standing rebel against the Government's Fluoridation Bill, covered almost an entire green leather Commons bench with reference papers during his marathon delivery, but spoke with little reference to notes, and had no recourse even to a glass of water, fluoridated or otherwise.

"I have been fighting fluoridation for eight years. Most of my facts have simply accumulated in files over that period, and I made no special preparation for the speech. I did not even know the debate was going on all night until I noticed that the House had not drawn stumps at the usual time."



Still talking: Mr Lawrence in full spate yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Mr Lawrence is chairman of an all-party committee against fluoridation. His long association with the subject enabled him at the drop of a hat to throw in statistical evidence, to the admiration of MPs on both sides of the House, from such arcane sources as the newsletter of the Institute of Plumbers of Australia, and the superintendent of the waterworks at Wilmington, Massachusetts.

That a new record had been set was conveyed to the House when Mr Lawrence's fellow backbench fluoride rebel, Mr Michael Brown, MP for Brigg and Cleethorpes, rose to draw the prizewinning length of the marathon to the Speaker's attention.

Mr Speaker Wetherill was unimpressed.

Mr Lawrence said later that when the mover of an amendment starts to speak there is no rule of the House which can stop him. He was sustained through the dawn hours by helpful and encouraging interventions from his own side.

The Fluoridation Bill is a seemingly harmless little document with only three clauses. Mr Lawrence seized his chance by speaking to an amendment which sought to ensure that any step to introduce fluoride into water supplies would not involve the employment of additional manpower.

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Rebuff for BBC on £65 fee

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The leading accountancy firm behind the "value for money" report on the BBC dissociated itself yesterday from the corporation's claim that the study justifies a £65 licence fee and clears the organization of overmanning.

Asked about the comment of the chairman of the BBC, Mr Stuart Young, that the report gave the corporation "A clean bill of health", Mr John Fielden who headed the study team, told *The Times:* "I think he has been reading very selectively. This report is a mixed judgement on the BBC. The very fact that the BBC is implementing 30 recommendations from it can't mean it is a clean bill of health."

Mr Fielden, head of the Peat Marwick team which produced the report, criticized the way in which the report was covered by the BBC's television *Nine O'Clock News*, hours after Mr Young and the corporation's chairman, Mr Alasdair Milne, had told a press conference that the study supported the licence fee and cleared the BBC of profligacy.

Yesterday, Mr Fielden, the partner in charge of Peat Marwick's public sector consultancy, said: "I was disappointed at the emphasis on the BBC news of our report. It reported us as saying there is no overstaffing and we supported the licence fee. The report has been published and a reader can reach his own judgements. We were not asked to comment on the level of licence fee and staffing was outside our remit."

The published document, which runs to 30 pages, is only a small part of the report produced by Peat Marwick over three months at a cost of £250,000. The BBC has refused to publish 200 pages of other information on the gounds of commercial sensistivity, though Mr Fielden said yesterday the he was disappointed that all of the team's findings had not been published, and he could see no reason for keeping them secret.

Even the published report, on close reading, points out clear divisions between the BBC's interpretation of what it means, and the study's actual statement.

The BBC claimed on Tuesday that Peat Marwick had supported the corporation's predictions of inflation in broadcasting costs – which represent 70 per cent of the present £65 licence fee claim – though it disagreed with the report's attempts to scale down predictions of capital inflation.

But Peat Marwick made no study of broadcasting inflation whatsoever and makes no comment on the subject in the report. All it supplied to the BBC were predictions of general inflation.

Mr Fielden refused to discuss

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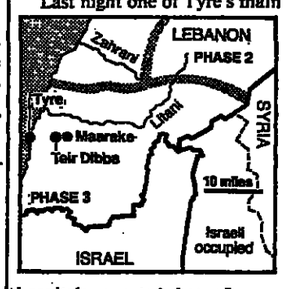
Israelis make Tyre a city of terror

From Robert Fisk, Tyre

The South Lebanese city of Tyre became a place of terror and violence yesterday as the Israeli Army arrested dozens of civilians, publicly placing hoods over the heads of detained men and firing wildly into hedgerows and fields outside the city with heavy machine guns and rifles.

A taxi driver who broke the curfew – and who was travelling on his own, contrary to Israeli occupation orders – was found dead by a roadside outside the city yesterday morning. He had been shot in the side of the head, but most of his face – seen later by Westen correspondents – had been cut from his body, apparently by a knife.

Last night one of Tyre's main



hospitals reported that, after an Israeli raid on the village of Borgh Elieh, they had received the body of a 12-year-old boy who had died of gunshot wounds and that eight other civilians, including five girls, had also suffered bullet wounds.

In Tyre itself yesterday, I watched three arrested men forced to drive in their own cars behind an Israeli armoured personnel carrier. When they reached a road junction in the city, an Israeli soldier placed a red cloth over the head of one of the men, a driver of perhaps 60 years old. He was then ordered to climb into one of the Israeli vehicles.

When I followed the Israeli convoy in my car, it turned into the compound of the Israeli Shin Bet intelligence headquarters in Tyre. I then saw an Israeli soldier in uniform systematically place white and green hoods over the heads of at least eight civilians as they stood, shoulder to shoulder, beside a low wall. The prisoners were then forced to walk, each one holding a man in front, into a single-storey Shin Bet interrogation building.

The Israelis have often denied that they place hoods over the heads of arrested civilians, although United Nations observers at the neighbouring UN base have witnessed hundreds of men being hooded in the manner which I saw yesterday. Almost all the prisoners had been arrested while driving to Tyre from the village of Maarake, raided at the weekend by almost 800 Israeli troops and the scene of a mysterious bomb explosion which afterwards killed most of the regional leadership of the Lebanese guerrilla movement.

Asked about the taxi driver found shot beside the road, an Israeli soldier told a Reuters correspondent: "There was an accident." Asked about the terrible wounds on the man's face, the soldier replied: "We are not Indians – we are human beings." There is no doubt, however, about the great fear which local civilians demon-

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'Star Wars' condemned by Kinnock

Brussels – Mr Neil Kinnock, on his first visit to Nato headquarters here, told Lord Carrington, the Secretary-General, that he was "extremely hostile" to US research into "Star Wars" technology (Ian Murray writes). Nato had not understood that the project would start a new arms race. Mr Kinnock emphasized Labour's commitment to Nato, but said that "cruise missiles would be sent back to the US on the election of a Labour government". Back page

Scots and Yorkshire pitmen end strike

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Almost 95 per cent of the National Coal Board's labour force was back at work yesterday after Scottish miners' leaders yesterday voted to end the year-long strike and Yorkshire pitmen began to ignore flying pickets from the militant Kent area demanding an amnesty for miners dismissed during the dispute.

But leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers will today consider ways of continuing the dispute over pit closures, and there is little prospect of an early end to the 16-month overtime ban. Nor does the NUM plan to make an apology to the High Court in order to purge its contempt and regain control of its £6 million funds.

The union's national executive meeting in Sheffield today will discuss further measures to prevent the coal board from going ahead with the rapid closure of uneconomic collieries, after getting the men back to work without an agreement in this issue.

A campaign by the Kent miners to keep the strike going until the coal board grants an amnesty for about 700 dismissed men, which left half the Yorkshire coalfield strikebound on the official "march back" day, is proving to be a short-lived affair.

After their leaders condemned the activities of flying pickets from Kent as "unofficial", Yorkshire miners were going back at most of the pits yesterday. The men at Cortonwood colliery, where the strike started just over a year ago, voted to cross the Kent miners' picket line "with dignity."

By last night, the board was claiming a return to work of 94.5 per cent. In all, about 176,000 men have now given up the strike out of 186,000. Only two mines in Yorkshire, Barnborough and Markham Main, at Armthorpe, are still at a standstill, and even in the Kent coalfield, there were ten "new starters" yesterday.

South Wales miners' leaders are expected to make an appearance before the High Court soon to apologize for their contempt of court orders in refusing to call off unlawful secondary picketing of a road haulage firm, in order to win back £800,000 in funds sequestrated by the court. But NUM national officials do not intend making similar moves over the national funds.

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Private Eye withdrawn from sale

By Rupert Morris

Private Eye, the satirical magazine, was banned yesterday from distributing any further copies of this week's issue, which contains references to Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Conservative cabinet minister and Mrs Angela Mathew, his secretary at the House of Commons. Mr Justice Skinner, sitting in chambers at the High Court, granted an injunction restraining *Private Eye*, its editor, Mr Richard Ingrams, publishers, Pressdram, and printer Feb Edge Litho, of Hackney, north London, from distributing the current edition, or repeating an alleged libel.

He said in his judgement: "There is a very strong *prima facie* case that the words complained of are defamatory of Mr Parkinson and Mrs Mathew."

He said counsel for *Private Eye* had not seriously contested this in the case of Mrs Mathew and had advanced a "wholly specious and irrelevant argument" in the case of Mr Parkinson.

The judge added: "No other defence of the plaintiff's charge has been advanced, nor any

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Celebrated Soviet pianist applies to stay in Britain

By Colin Hughes

Andrei Gavrilov, the celebrated Russian pianist, has applied to the Home Office for an extended permit to stay in Britain for a year, it was officially confirmed yesterday.

Mr Gavrilov, who won the Tchaikovsky Competition in 1974 when aged 19 and received exceptional reviews when he played in London last August, has been in Britain since February 18 completing a recording of Chopin ballades.

His contacts at EMI yesterday said they were "extremely surprised" to hear of his bid to prolong his stay. Mr Gavrilov finished recording at Abbey Road studios on Tuesday and left.

The next EMI heard was a call from the Soviet Embassy asking if they knew where Mr Gavrilov had gone. He appears to have slipped his Soviet Embassy "minder" and made his application to the Home Office. He had been staying in a house attached to the Soviet Trade Delegation in Highgate, north London, but was not there yesterday.

A Home Office spokesman said they were considering his application to remain for twelve months and would decide within the next few days.

One friend at EMI doubted that Mr Gavrilov was using the application for an extended stay permit as a prelude to defection. "I suspect he would be most upset if there was any reported rift between him and the USSR." he said.

An important reason for Mr Gavrilov to return would be his



Gavrilov: Stylish and emotional performer

mother, who has always guided his career. Although he is in Britain with his fourth wife, Natasha, his mother is not thought to be with him and he is known to be strongly attached to her. There was no reply at her Moscow home telephone number yesterday.

Mr Gavrilov is something of a gladfly on the Moscow musical scene. His meteoric rise to eminence has created some jealousy among older generation cultural bureaucrats and compatriot performers.

Mercurial and unorthodox, in manner and pianistic interpretation, he is a stylish and emotional performer of Scriabin, Chopin, Prokofiev, and Rahmaninov. In an interview with *The Times* at the end of last year, he spoke of his ambition to replace Richter, Horowitz, and Gilals, as the leading pianist of his generation, but gave no hint of wanting to stay out of Russia.

Until last year he had been banned from travelling to the West for four years. Though deeply attached to his homeland, he is like many other Russian artists in feeling stifled by Sovier cultural conformity. Friends in London, who have been unable to trace him, said yesterday that he might simply want a "sabbatical" away from Moscow.

His first visit to London was in 1976, when he was signed up for EMI. in his interview Mr Gavrilov told *The Times* that a pianist had to be "very clever, very intelligent", and added: "I have made quite a name for myself, but now is my chance to become really famous."

The most recent Soviet artists to defect are Yuri Liubimov, the *avant garde* theatre director, and Andrei Tarkovsky, the film director.

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Miners' strike aftermath: Dismissal hearings: Picketline dilemma: Church and state: MacGregor profile

Day of reckoning for returned pitmen accused of strike offences

By Peter Davenport

Colliery managers throughout the Yorkshire coalfield yesterday began interviewing scores of returned miners about offences that could lead to their dismissal.

Since the marches back to work of the past two days, at least a dozen men have been dismissed and another 190 cases are under consideration. Some men have been suspended pending a detailed investigation of alleged offences.

A spokesman for the National Coal Board in Yorkshire said yesterday: "This is the day of reckoning for these men. Those who have committed serious offences will not be reinstated. There is no question of a general amnesty."

The cases under consideration come on top of 200 dismissals made during the strike.

At the Manders Main colliery, near Mexborough, South Yorkshire, a working miner aged in his twenties was attacked and punched by three men in the pithead baths after the end of the organized march back to work on Tuesday, the board said yesterday. Two of the attackers were strikers returning for the first time. They have been dismissed. The third man had already been dismissed earlier in the dispute.

Another striking miner at the colliery has also been dismissed for assaulting a police officer as the march back to work broke up.

The dismissals caused anger among the men but the pit was working normally yesterday. Mr Alan Gosling, the local branch secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "It is very disturbing. The lads were incensed, but now they have accepted that the cases were taken through the procedures."

Four men who returned to work at Manton colliery have also been dismissed, two for making threats earlier in the strike, to kill Mr Robert Taylor, a working miner who instigated legal action against the union to get the dispute declared unofficial. The other two were dismissed for besetting the home of a working miner.

At Kiveton Park, near Sheffield, three men have been dismissed after being convicted in a court of a similar offence.

All but two of Yorkshire's 53 pits had their men back yesterday. The board reported 47,000 of its 50,000 miners were clocking on. Miners at the two remaining pits where men are holding out for an amnesty for dismissed miners, Markham Main and Barnburgh, hold meetings today.

At the Wheldale colliery near Castleford, the manager took the unusual step of sending home on full pay 30 men who had worked during the dispute as the 700 strikers returned. It was, the board said, to provide a "cooling-off period" and the manager had now been assured by the local union branch that there would be no violence against those who had broken the strike.

- A strike by 180 deputies and overmen at Kellingley colliery, near Selby, North Yorkshire, continued yesterday and threatens to spread. The men, members of Nacods, say pit management allowed four NUM miners to do work underground normally done by deputies.
- Details of the dispute, which has halted production, and the attitude of management towards their complaint are with Nacods officials.
- It is illegal for miners to be working underground without the presence of deputies.
- Pit deputies at Tilmanstone colliery in Kent, again refused to cross NUM picket lines yesterday. The position will be reviewed on a weekly basis.
- A member of the Northumberland miners' area executive has been dismissed after an early morning incident at his pit yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Mr John Smith, also NUM branch secretary at Ashington colliery, was involved in a disturbance to which the police were called.

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Mr Michael McGahey faces miners' fury after the conference. (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

SCOTTISH DELEGATE MEETING

Angry colliers jostle McGahey

From Ronald Faux

Mr Michael McGahey, president of the Scottish miners was jostled by an angry crowd in Edinburgh yesterday as he left a delegates meeting that decided by 10 votes to five to end the strike in Scotland.

The decision reversed an earlier resolution to continue the strike until an amnesty had been won for the 180 Scottish miners dismissed during the dispute. Missiles were thrown at Mr McGahey and delegates as they left the meeting and there were shouts of "sell out" and "we're not going back" from the crowd.

However the strike had effectively crumbled in Scotland before the meeting started. The National Coal Board claimed a massive return to work and more than 1,600 miners gave up the strike at Frances colliery in Fife, the men marched through the colliery gates behind their union banners and two pipers to return to work. The main production face at the pit was lost when a fire broke out during the strike and the future of the Sealfield complex, to which Frances is linked, remains in doubt.

Mr John Mitchell, the pit delegate, said the decision to continue the strike in Scotland had split the union's membership. They had decided to go back, he said, with dignity and heads held high. However, the return to work will cause deep divisions in the Scottish mining community, particularly in Fife.

Five pits, Solsgirth, Polkemmet, Comrie, Polaise and Bogside, remain strongly opposed to the return.

THE COAL CHIEF

Solitary life for the canny patriot

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

While most of the verbal and physical assaults meted out to Mr Ian MacGregor during the 12-month dispute have had as much impact as a drop of dew on white hot steel, there is one accusation that has caused the usually inscrutable features of the National Coal Board chairman to sparkle with anger.

He is more than able to cope with being variously described as Mrs Thatcher's "geriatric American hit man" or "the butcher" and even shrugged off suggestions from his adversary that he was off-beam mentally. But he bristles with indignation at the taunt that he has taken on the unenviable tasks of sorting out two of Britain's ailing state-owned industrial giants – steel and coal – for personal gain.

Mr MacGregor is a millionaire; he has no need to acquire more money. If he did, then he would have stayed in the United States.

Colleagues at the New York investment bank of Lazard Freres, in which Mr MacGregor retains a limited partnership (and small share in the profits) almost dismissed out of hand the announcement two years ago that he was to take on the NCB chairmanship for a salary of £59,325 a year and a "transfer fee" payable to the bank of £1.5 million. The latter, it was stressed, was what the coal board was losing every day and the value to the bank of three years' of his services was many, many times more than his potential British earnings.

Mr MacGregor's hackles rise because he believes that continue to search for the next impossible job.

To those who know him well – and there are few – his actions during the miners' strike, his tenacity (or pigheadedness) depending on the side from which the critism comes his lack of appreciation of the political niceties and his apparent lack of emotion, were predictable. To him, the job is a crusade.

On few occasions did the mask slip. One was in September, at the time of the ill-fated Edinburgh talks, when he appeared in front of press photographers with a green plastic bag in front of his face – a sign of strain, colleagues said. On others he has appeared to be asleep but this, it is said, is because of boredom with minutiae.

He has on several occasions angered his NCB colleagues with decisions and actions which show him not to be among the world's leading industrial relations experts.

Despite his age – he is 73 in September – Mr MacGregor shows no sign of wanting to resign the NCB job. He is the kind of man who will never retire. While he may leave Britain next year when the coal board contract ends, he will his motives are misunderstood. Clearly he loves power and the chance to take on the seemingly impossible task (such as defeating Mr Arthur Scargill) which others would not contemplate. But he also demonstrates to colleagues a patriotism and is possessed of a vision to restore some of Britain's former greatness and position in the world.

At times he has seemed dangerously isolated at the coal board. Its complicated management structure clearly frustrated him and his desire to delegate. This was made more apparent by the series of resignations and the appointment as chief spokesman of Mr Michael Eaton which led to a public belief that he had fallen out of favour with Mrs Thatcher.

During the strike Mr MacGregor has shown little need to relax. His hobbies are few – fishing and golf, and he quickly gets bored with them – and he is no great family man.

With his famous ability to avoid jet-lag, it is no problem for him to visit his wife, Sybil, in Florida regularly, but he has also spent some contemplative time during the strike at his house in Argyllshire.

He is obsessively unpretentious; he cares little for small talk and is probably flattered to be known as a Calvanistic but canny Scot.

His colleagues in business, friend or foe, agree that he is hard to keep up with. One said: "He loves to delegate and his desk is always astonishingly clear; he has pet theories for everything; and he never gives up."

In the last year he has regarded Mr Scargill as an offensive obstruction in the way of reshaping the future of the mining industry. But he was convinced he was right. He believes in the Clan Gregor motto: Ever do and spare nought.

Biography – Ian Kinloch MacGregor

Born September 21, 1912, at Kinlochleven in Scotland, the son of an accountant.
Educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh; Hillhead High School, Glasgow, and Glasgow University where he gained a BSc (first class honours) in metallurgy.
Became a junior manager in a Glasgow steel company.
Sent to the United States to buy tanks, 1941.
Married to Sybil Spencer, 1942. They have one son and one daughter.
Joined Amax, the mining and metals group, becoming chairman and chief executive from 1966-1977.
Appointed deputy chairman of BL in 1977, and the following year became apartner in Lazard Freres in New York.
Became president of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, 1978.
Appointed chairman of the British Steel Corporation in 1980 in return for controversial "transfer fee" payment to Lazard of up to £1.8 million.
Became chairman of the National Coal Board. In 1983 after negotiation of another £1.5 million payment to Lazard.
Holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Glasgow ((LLD), Strathclyde (LLD), Denver ((LLD), Montana State (DEng), Wyoming (LLD) and Tristate College, Indiana (DSc).
Awarded John Fritz Medal in 1981, the Bessemer Gold Medal in 1983. Became Chevalier, Legion d'Honneur in 1972.



POLICE COMMANDER

Man who knows both sides of the picket line

From A Staff Reporter
Rotherham

When the police come to hold a post mortem examination on the coal strike, the lessons learned and the mistakes made, one senior officer more perhaps than any other will command an attentive audience.

Chief Superintendent John Nesbit, a former miner, former military policeman and now commander of the Rotherham division of the South Yorkshire Police with four pits in his domain, has been the man responsible for dealing with some of the worst violence and civil unrest of the dispute.

He was the ground commander at the confrontation at the Orgreave coking plant in June, marshalling 4,000 police against the massed ranks of NUM pickets and the officer who carried out the arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill. He became a familiar figure on the picket lines and in the mining villages when violence spilled over into the streets. Mr Nesbit is a man who believes in leading from the front, a "high profile" policeman.

For his troubles his word has been doubted in court over his account of Mr Scargill's arrest.



Chief Supt Nesbit: high profile policeman

he has had his nose broken in a skirmish in the mining village of Maltby and has seen his home life disrupted, working 16- hour days, five days a week, sleeping in a temporary bedroom near his office for months on end.

Contrary to views expressed by many in the coalfields, Mr Nesbit firmly believes that much of the bitterness that has built up – miner against miner and strikers against police – will dissipate in the exhilaration of the restart of work.

He accepts that some people in the villages will always hold the police role during the strike against the force but believes that he and his colleagues have won more admirers than they have lost old friends.

Mr Nesbit was born and bred in Rotherham where his father worked at a pit for 40 years. He did seven years on the coal face before National Service and, as an NUM member, adhered to all its picket lines.

He came in for criticism, even from officers in neighbouring forces, for organizing his policing along too militaristic lines. He says he adopted a strategy of securing a firm base within the pits from which to stand off the pickets.

Mr Nesbit believes that the National Reporting Centre at Scotland Yard which mustered resources nationwide in response to requests from chief constables was vital in enabling the police to control the activities of the pickets.

THE CHURCH

Bishops go into the political arena

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The miners' strike brought the bishops of the Church of England into the political arena in a way unsurpassed for a generation; and into conflict with the Government in a way that has never happened before.

There were three peaks to this involvement: the sermon by the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, at his enthronement on September 28 last year; the interview in *The Times* given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, on October 8; and the meeting between National Union of Mineworkers leaders and senior churchmen at the home of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, on November 11.

Concern in all the churches at the effect the strike was having in mining communities was growing throughout the summer, and some churchmen had already made oblique references to it.

The Bishop of Durham was as blunt as he had been on other issues, saying that Mr Ian MacGregor was "an elderly imported American" and that his replacement as chairman of the National Coal Board could facilitate a settlement.

The Bishop of Sheffield, the Right Rev David Lunn, explained that bishops in mining areas could not avoid contact with the strike even if they wanted to. In his own case, for instance, he had visited many of the deaneries in his diocese, and such visits traditionally involve meeting local industry.

In normal times that would have meant visiting coal pits, so instead he visited picket lines, community centres and police stations.

"At first it was as if there had been a natural disaster of some kind", he said, "and the response was as if there had been a natural disaster: a non-political involvement, a disire for peace and increasingly a disire to meet physical needs."

Because he was a bishop striking miners tended to identify him with the view of the Bishop of Durham, which he din not altogether share.

"In the short run it made life a little difficult. In the long run it probably does not matter. That the church sided with the miners a little will be counted for righteousness." He put the Bishop of Durham's outspokenness down to his being "new at the job".

In his enthronement sermon, the Bishop of Durham had criticized both sides for refusing to seek compromise and accused the Government of wanting an outright victory whatever it said to the contrary. Conservative MPs immediatly called for him to be severely repremanded by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A week later it was reported that Dr Runcie had written to Mr MacGregor, offering the church's apologies; Lambeth Palace explained that a comforting letter had indeed been sent, but Dr Runcie had not repudiated the Bishop of Durham's robust sermon."

The archbishop's own views became clearer after a meeting of the House of Bishops, attended by Durham, which discussed the general political situation.

WELSH RETURN-TO-WORK

Pay cut warning over stance on blacking

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Miners in South Wales were told yesterday that they would be sent home without pay if they refused to work with men who had defied the strike, or if they declined to operate equipment supplied by "blacked" firms.

For the second day running 250 men were sent home from the Tondu workshops near Bridgend, for refusing to use a compressor brought in by a haulage firm which takes coal and iron ore from Port Talbot to Llanwern steel works.

After the warning, miners at the Merthyr Vale colliery began to return to the pit, after initially refusing to work alongside a face worker who broke the strike.

At talks with the management an agreement was reached. It is understood that Mr Keith Hobbs, the face worker, will be moved from the coal face.

Mr Philip Weeks, the coal board area director, said: "We have a responsibility to get the coalfield back in production with minimum disruption and delay. Managers reserve the right to take immediate action to deal with any activity which interferes with that objective".

Last night Mr Paul Watson, who was trapped at work for three hours by a mob of angry miners and their wives on Monday night, said that he would be reporting for duty today.

More than 300 people laid siege to the Abercwmboi smokeless fuel plant in mid-Glamorgan, where Mr Watson was the only worker to break the strike

Rail unions seek 30% pay rise

By David Felton,
Labour Correspondent

Rail union leaders declared their willingness to "fight our corner" if British Rail sought to push through productivity improvements as part of the annual pay negotiations, which formally opened yesterday.

The two main unions submitted claims for a substantial increase, estimated at up to 30 per cent, to eradicate low pay in the industry, a reduction in hours o a 35-hour week and extra holiday. BR has promised to reply to the claim.

The unions' submission said basic pay for 145,000 railway workers, which starts at £76.25 a week, was a "disgrace and fell within most definitions of low pay."

Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fireman believe that any decision to push for productivity improvements this year will depend on whether the Government is prepared to face the possibility of underwriting a potentially damaging dispute so soon after the miners' strike.

The unions and BR disagreed over the board's reaction to their insistence that productivity had to be kept separate from pay in the negotiations. Mr Ray Buckton, Aslef general secretary, said Mr John Palette, the board's managing director of personnel, had indicated that pay could be kept apart from two outstanding changes in working practices which the board is seeking.

2,000 jobs threatened as washing machine firm fails

By Staff Reporters

More than 4,000 jobs were at risk yesterday as the Birmingham-based washing machine manufacturer, Servis, collapsed and both Shell UK and the Agriculture and Food Research Council announced staff reductions.

Servis employs 650 manufacturing staff and another 1,350 work for its sister company dealing with after-sales service, Servis Home Services. Both have called in the receivers.

Cork Gully, the accountants acting as receivers, indicated that many of the jobs might be saved by negotiations now beign started. Both companies are continuing to trade and there are hopes that a rescue operation will succeed in selling off at least part of the business as going concerns. Centreway Industries, which controls Servis, may take over the servicing operation, with its obligations to washing machine owners.

Shell, which is expected to announce record profits on its worldwide operations, is to cut 1,000 of its workforce at the refinery in Stanlow, Merseryside.

Poor profitability and fierce competition in the petrol and chemicals markets is being blamed for the job losses. Shell UK, which will announce its own profit figures two weeks after the parent company, hopes to achieve the cut in its 3,300 strong workforce by a combination of natural wastage and voluntary redudancy.

The losses will be phased over the next two years and discussions have started with unions at Stanlow, the largest of the Shell UK manufacturing sites.

Mr Peter Brown, the Stanlow manager, said: "Demand for oil products in the UK has dropped by 35 per cent over the past 10 years and is most unlikely to rise again. A number of refineries both in the UK and Europe have closed already an the capacity of others has been drastically reduced.

"Both the oil manufacturing and marketing sector and the chemical sector of Shell UK are not earning their keep. We have a site which is very costly to operate and has many facilities for today's business. Stanlow has to become an efficient, low-cost operator to compete in highly competitive markets."

More than 1,200 of the 6,600 people who work for the Agriculture and Food Research Council are to lose their jobs in the next three years. The final figure will not be known until the reductions in research funds channelled through the Ministry of Agriculture have been decided.

The council said yesterday that 550 of the jobs would be lost by the end of this month

Plaintiff is assured by counsel

Mr Derek Howe, a former aide to the Prime Minister, who claims that he was libelled in an article about a housing association he helped to run was told by counsel for *The Sunday Times* in the High Court yesterday that he was not being accused in the article of any criminal behaviour.

Mr Richard Rampton, QC, told Mr Howe the paper would seek to prove that the Strongbridge Housing Association in London was mismanaged and wasted public money.

Counsel added: "More importantly, you knew that you and your prominent Tory friends on the management committee were vulnerable."

Mr Howe claims that the article, falsely alleged that he tried to block an inquiry

Times Newspapers claims that the words complained of do not bear some of the meanings alleged.

The hearing continues today.

Day's lost business

Commons often short of time

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The loss by the Government of a day's business in the Commons, as happened yesterday because of the Fluoridation Bill debate, will not be a disaster, in spite of recent outward signs of the parliamentary timetable being under pressure and the recent disclosure in *The Times* that MPs have been kept at work past midnight on half the sitting days of this session so far.

Apart from the fact that the Government had special reasons yesterday for allowing, indeed helping, events to take their course, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, has more resources at his disposal, and more time, than he would ever admit when he is regularly assailed, every Thursday, by MPs demanding time to debate their favourite topics.

On the face of it, leaders of the Commons and their advisers always look hard up for time. The parliamentary year is shorter than it seems.

The Commons sits for rather less than eight months of a normal year, for five days a week. The average year yields about 170 sitting days.

But these are not all at the disposal of ministers. Twenty four days are allotted to private members: 19 are controlled by the Opposition; and another 30 or so are preempted in various ways for the regular business that must be fitted in every year before the Government's legislative programme can be accommodated.

Five days are allocated to debate on the Queen's Speech at the start of each session; three and a half days to the Budget debate each spring; three days a year to Consolidated Fund Bills; three to debating the estimates; and four half-days are needed to debate motions to adjourn before each recess.

Five days are devoted to debating defence; usually at least two days a year to foreign affairs; and one to Welsh affairs.

Apartheid debate chaos

The anti-apartheid movement claimed a victory last night after plans for tonight's debate on South Africa at the Oxford Union turned to chaos.

The debaters motion had to be changed; the main guests from South Africa pulled out and the union's president had to call in another speaker, the Rev Paul Oestreicher, an Anglican priest and anti-apartheid campaigner.

Mr Allan Hendrickse, the South African "coloured" cabinet minister, withdrew first. The South African Ambassador, Mr Denis Worrall, also withdrew, as did Chief Gatsha Buthelizi, the Zulu leader.

This left Mr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, the leader of the Progressive Party, and Mr Bow Sutton of the extreme right New Republic Party. Mr van Zyl Slabbert will speak against the new motion: "That this house would sever all links with South Africa."

Mr Bow Sutton has been told his oratory is not required.

NGA decision today

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

Leaders of the National Graphical Association will today decide whether to comply with labour legislation and avoid risking sequestration, cost the union £1 million in the 1983 Stockport Messenger dispute.

The High Court has given the NGA until tomorrow to hold a secret ballot over industrial action at the Wolverhampton Express & Star group which led to the suspension of 140 association members.

More than 200 delegates from daily provincial newspapers will debate the issue in Wolverhampton today after a meeting this morning between the company and Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA at ACAS. The union's national council will make the final decision.

The union has refused to cooperate with the introduction of "direct-keying" of advertising material to typesetting computers which avoids "re-keying" ork normally done by NGA

Woman's quiet voice delays rape hearing

A woman who claims she was raped by two police officers in a police station started to describe the alleged incident in court yesterday but Stipendiary Magistrate Mr Glynmor Jones halted the trial because he could not hear her evidence.

Miss Jacqueline Berkeley, aged 21, of Haydn Avenue, Moss Side, Manchester, denies wasting police time, assaulting three officers and damaging police property.

Earlier the court heard of the police time spent investigating her complaint, after which, an internal police inquiry cleared all four officers said to have been involved.

The trial continues today.

High insurance spurs DIY security trend

High technology-based security devices are due for a sales boom soon, generated by the increase in household insurance premiums announced recently by the leading insurance companies.

Many of those sales are likely to be to householders willing to install the devices

The trend is highlighted in a report on the security business, published yesterday by Jordans, a market analyst.

Discount schemes have been offered by insurance companies as an incentive for householders to install security equipment. However the survey concludes: "Insurers have decided to harden their rates of premium quite drastically.

£116,277 award for man left impotent by fall

A man whose sex life has been revived by drugs; won £116,277 damages in the High Court yesterday for the injuries that left him impotent.

A new sex rejuvenation drug allows him to have sexual intercourse once a fortnight. "But this is not a permanent answer to a permanent problem", said Deputy Judge John Gorman, QC, who made the award.

In March 1982, Mr Christopher Sargeant, a painter, aged 38, of Forrester Close, Canterbury, fell 15ft from scaffolding

Mr Sargeant's former employers, P. J. Hartel, of Wrington, Avon, who denied liability, were found negligent, and ordered to pay damages

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Provisional IRA terrorist convicted of murders and possessing explosive

A Belfast man was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of taking part in the killing of three people in the IRA's 1981 bombing campaign in London.

Paul Kavanagh, aged 29, was unanimously convicted of the murders of Mrs Norah Field, a widow, aged 59, Mr John Breslin, aged 18, and an explosives expert, Mr Kenneth Howorth.

Mrs Field and Mr Breslin died when a bomb showered 6in nails into the street outside Chelsea barracks on October 10, 1981. It had been intended for Irish Guardsmen returning from the Tower of London.

Mr Howarth was blown up as he tried to defuse a booby-trap device planted in basement lavatories at an Oxford Street Wimpey Bar on October 26 1981.

Kavanagh was also convicted of planting another bomb at Debenham's in Oxford Street on October 26 and causing the explosion which blew in the walls at the home of the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, in Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon, on November 13 1981.

Additionally, he was found guilty of possession, with intent to endanger life, of IRA caches of explosives, arms and bomb-making equipment found at Pangbourne, Oxfordshire, in 1983, and at Salcey Forest, Northamtonshire and Annesley Forest, Nottinghamshire, which were recovered by the police after an undercover operation in January last year.

Kavanagh unwittingly led them to Salcey and Annesley Forests, the jury were told.

The jury of six women and six men cleared Kavanagh of attempting to murder Sir Stewart Pringle, commandant-general of the Royal Marines, who was badly injured when a bomb attached to his car by magnet went off outside his home in Dulwich, south London, on October 17 1981.

The verdicts came after two-and-a-half days of deliberation by the jurors in the trial, which began three weeks ago. The jury have spent the last two nights at an hotel.

They are still considering verdicts against a second man, Thomas Quigley, also aged 29 and also from Belfast.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, told the court that both men had been members of the Provisional IRA unit responsible for the wave of attacks in London in the autumn of 1981.

The cache of arms found by forestry workers on Hardwick estate, near Pangbourne, proved to be the breakthrough anti-terrorist police needed.

Mr Amlot said that there was ample evidence to link the cache with the attacks, including the discovery of keys which fitted a van and a VW Beetle used by the team responsible for the Chelsea Barracks explosion.

He said that fingerprints of Kavanagh and Mr Quigley were found in the cache. One of the prints was disclosed when the police used a new laser technique.

Mr Quigley's defence is that he has never been to mainland Britain. He told the jury that on the day of the Chelsea barracks bombing he went to his mother's birthday party in Belfast.

His explanation for the presence of his prints on items in the Pangbourne cache is that while he was visiting his brother Frankie in Dundalk a woman delivered a bag intended for Frankie. He became "nosey", looked inside and took out a walkie-talkie and other items. He did not think they had anything to do with explosives.





Student antics at yesterday's United Hospitals Challenge Cup rugby final between St Mary's Hospital and Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital, in London.

Polytechnic students ban Jewish society

By Lucy Hodges,

Students at Sunderland Polytechnic in the north-east of England have banned the setting up of a Jewish society there on the ground that Zionism is a form of racism, and students at the City of London Polytechnic will next week consider doing the same.

These moves are being watched with concern by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the National Union of Students in London, who say they are anti-Semitic.

Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West and president of the Board of Deputies, said the banning of Jewish societies was a breach of the Race Relations Act.

Jewish students at Sunderland Polytechnic are reporting the students' union at the college to the Commission for Racial Equality

The NUS will consider on Monday whether to recommend that Sunderland Polytechnic be suspended from membership of the national union.

"It is not a decision we would take lightly", Ms Karen Talbot, a member of the NUS executive, said.

On Tuesday next week students at the City of London Polytechnic will vote on whether they should stop supporting the Jewish society at the college.

The last time students voted to ban Jewish societies was in 1977 when 11 colleges, including Salford and York Universities, did so. The NUS nationally took a strong line against the bans and the colleges changed their policies.

Plan for liquor sales at school sites opposed

By Patricia Clough

Temperance campaigners yesterday vowed to oppose plans by Birmingham City Council to open bars at schools which are to double as community leisure centres.

The bars are included in plans by the city authorities to build sports and leisure facilities at 20 schools, so they benefit the pupils by day and the local residents in the evenings, weekends and holidays.

A licence has already been applied for a bar at a school at Great Barr, which is due to be opened next month.

A spokesman for the Birmingham Community Service Department said the bars would not be accessible to school children and would be carefully stewarded to ensure there was no under-age drinking.

Gowrie woos business for arts sponsorship

By Amanda Haigh, Parliamentary staff

New incentives to attract additional business sponsorship of the arts were announced in the House of Lords yesterday (Wednesday) by Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, who used the occasion to launch a blistering attack on Sir Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre.

Lord Gowrie said he wanted to make his Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme – launched last October – even more attractive to small and medium-size businesses

He announced a special bonus offer for first-time sponsors

At the end of the first half year of the scheme, new sponsors would have given £2.5 million. From April 1 Lord Gowrie will introduce a special bonus offer for first-time sponsors. Matching grants – pound for pound

Lord Gowrie accused Sir Peter Hall of "irresponsible rubbish" for saying year-on-year arts subsidies were being reduced or that the system of state support was being dismantled. Even in this year, a tight year for many arts bodies, the overall increase would be above inflation.

● Nearly 50 theatre directors, including Sir Peter Hall, have voted for a motion of no confidence in the Arts Council and called for the formation of an independent body to replace it (Our Arts Correspondent writes). At a meeting in London, the directors issued a statement claiming that the council was operating divisive policies. Parliament, page 4

Leyland chief is cleared of share dealing charges

The chairman of Leyland Vehicles, Ronald Hancock, was cleared yesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, of allegations of "insider" share dealing.

It had been alleged that Mr Hancock, in his position as managing director of British Leyland (Australia), received unpublished price-sensitive information concerning the sale of a Leyland subsidiary, Prestcold Holding, a refrigeration company.

The prosecution had claimed that in January 1981 Mr Hancock bought 40,000 5p shares in Suter Electricals, the purchasing company, knowing that the share value would rise.

Denying the charges, counsel for Mr Hancock told the court that his client acted on an "inspired guess".

Twins better

Both Siamese twins separated in a 10-hour operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children at the weekend were said to be improving yesterday, although both were still critically ill.

Gardener jailed for IBM killing

A gardener who battered his wealthy employer to death with a metal pipe was jailed for life at Winchester rown court yesterday.

Timothy John Funge-Smith, aged 41, had pleaded guilty to murdering Mr Michael Robertson, an IBM executive, at his home in Salterns Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire.

Mr Roger Titheridge, for the prosecution, described how Funge-Smith, of The Seafront, Hayling Island, lay in wait for Mr Robertson, aged 41, to return home from a public house in the evening of October 5.



Timothy Smith (left), and his victim, Michael Robertson.

Mr Robertson was found wandering in the grounds of his home an hour later by his Greek Cypriot wife, Yiani, 37, with their children, Andrew, aged 12, and Sophie, aged seven. He was taken to Southampton hospital where he died four days later form head injuries.

Funge-Smith was interviewed by the police the next day but gave them an apparently watertight alibi

But when Funge-Smith heard the murder weapon had been found by the police with a palm print on it, he confessed.

David Stacey, aged 37, unemployed, of Easistoke, Hayling Island, who gave the false alibi, stood alongside Funge-Smith in the dock. He pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice and was remanded on bail for 10 days for a social inquiry report.

Pilot tells how he killed 'erring' wife

An airlaine pilot yesterday relived the moment he choked his wife to death nine years ago during a fight over her affair with another man

Mr Peter Hogg, aged 57, of Cranleigh, Surrey, denies murdering his wife Margaret, then aged 37, but admits making a false statement to obtain a divorce and obstructing a coroner from holding an inquest.

The Central Criminal Court in London has been told that Mr Hogg dumped his wife's body, weighted with a block of concrete in Wastwater, Cumbria, England's deepest lake, where it was found by chance by police divers in February last year.

Yesterday Mr Hogg told the court how his wife had clawed his face with her finger-nails and kicked him in the groin as they fought. "It was extraordinarily painful", he said.

As they fought, "She jumped on the bed and I followed", Mr Hogg continued. "I got hold of her around the throat.

"I can only describe it as a state of total lack of control"

Mr Hogg said that he had considered reporting the incident to the police, but thought he would not be able to look after his two sons.

Earlier he had told the court how he had been shocked when his wife had told him of her affair with Mr Graham Ryan aged 57, a banker, and had repeatedly asked her to end it.

Mr Patrick Back, QC, for the defence, later told the jury that Mrs Hogg had "flaunted her affair to the world. She was "a piece of erring humanity", he said.

In his final speech, Mr Anthony Hacking, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury: "One cannot get away from the defendant's own words", which showed a clear intent.

The hearing continues today with the final speech for the defence.

Family defends right to 4-star hotel on benefits

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

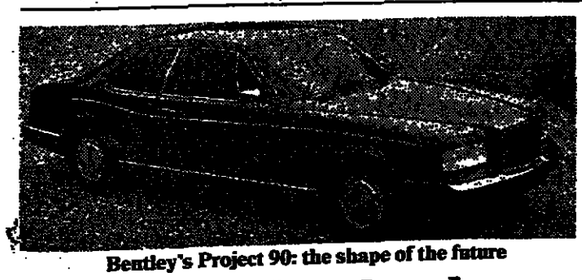
Department of Health and Social Security officials and the McDougall family, who walked out of the Adelphi hotel in Liverpool on Tuesday complaining of the service, yesterday defended the homeless family's right to benefit payments totalling £234 a week which enabled them to live in a suite at the four-star hotel.

Mr Robert McDougall, aged 46, said from the family's new hime, a £45 a week holiday flat in Blackpool: "We are not sponsers. We get only what we are entitled to." DHSS officials said the family had received "only what was strictly laid down in the regulations".

The McDougalls, including Robert McDougall who is unemployed, his mother Teresa, aged 73, and his brother Michael, aged 30, had negotiated a special £200-a-week rate for a three-room suite at the Adelphi.

A DHSS spokesman said the three adults would each be entitled to £57 a week board and lodging allowance in the centre of Liverpool. The two men would receive an extra £10.30 for personal expenses.

Mrs McDougall's retirement pension and Mr Michael McDougall's sickness benefit would be offset against the supplementary benefit board and lodging payment, but Mrs McDougall recieved a £28.60 attendance allowance and a higher personal allowance, taking the total to £234.72.



Bentley's Project 90: the shape of the future

New-look Bentley draws the motor show crowds

The probable shape of the first new Bentley car for 20 years which will not be a Rolls-Royce with another badge, was revealed at the Geneva Motor Show press preview yesterday. It could also be the first car from the Crewe company to use a combination of plastics, aluminium and steel in its body panels.

Project 90 attracted so much interest that executives of Mercedes, BMW, General Motors and Ford joined the crowds swamping the British company's stand to discover why their own exhibits were being ignored.

The full-size styling mock-up of the sleek two-door coupé is part of a long-term plan to give Bentley once again a separate identity, with its emphasis on sporting and handling.

Project 90 uses the existing Rolls-Royce engine and running gear and so could go into production within two years, if the company, which is using the Geneva motor show to gauge reaction, decides to go ahead.

Car makers are improving rust protection

Car makers are getting better at protecting vehicles against rust, but corrosion is still a key factor in 1.5 million vehicles ending up on the scrapheap every year, according to a report today.

A new car has an average life expectancy of 11.4 years in Britain, and stands a one in two chance of making it to 1996 the report in the Consumer Association's magazine *Which* says.

Cars found to have less serious rust than average include the Ford Fiesta, Vauxhall Astra and Carlton, the Audi 80 and Volvo 300 series; the Austin Allegro, Ford Capri, Ford Granada, Saab 99, Vauxhall Cavalier, VW's Polo and Golf, and the Volvo 200 series.

● Motorists may be losing almost a penny a gallon because the margin of error allowed at petrol pumps is too great, the National Consumer Council says today, and added that government plans to reduce the margin are not stringent enough.

Price cuts for Spanish tours continue

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Cosmos Air Holidays, one of the leading six British tour operators, yesterday reduced prices by an average 12 per cent on 25,000 Spanish holidays featured in their regular brochures.

This is the first straight price cut by a key package holiday company since the Spanish price battle broke out. It could signal more offers from other companies.

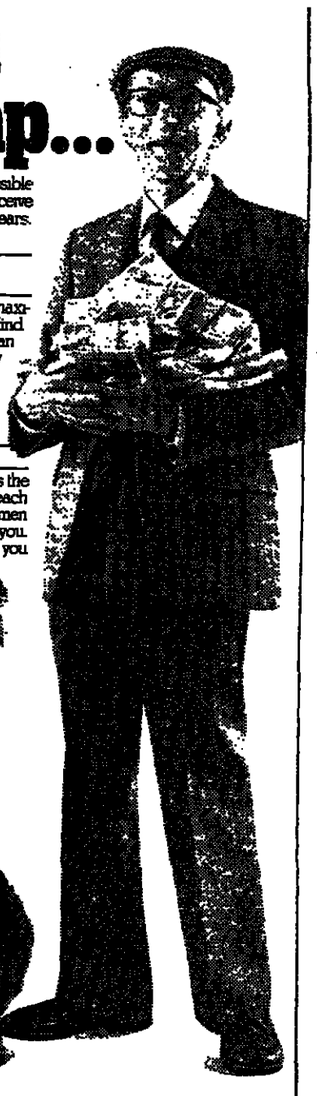
Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour operator, kept the choice of hotel – though holiday makers are given a guide on what hotels to expect – in its programme offered last month for Spain. It put 100,000 holidays on the market with reductions of a tenth or more on average. That was about one in six of the holidays it planned to sell this summer.

The Cosmos offer allows holidaymakers to select from the regular brochures including the hotel of their choice. The holidays on offer amount to one in ten of summer packages planned by Cosmos.

Reductions are up to £32 a person and £80 for a family of four. The lowest price on offer is £89 for a week in Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava in May from airports in the south of England and £107 for a similar holiday from airports in the north of England and Scotland.

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40	44	2,111	1,112	1,224	4,447	2,111
45	49	2,089	1,101	1,212	4,402	2,089
50	54	2,061	1,086	1,195	4,342	2,041
55	59	2,034	1,072	1,180	4,286	1,912
60	64	2,012	1,060	1,167	4,239	1,670
65	69	1,975	1,041	1,146	4,162	1,422
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35	39	5,476	2,886	3,176	11,538	5,476
40	44	5,445	2,870	3,158	11,473	5,445
45	49	5,388	2,839	3,125	11,352	5,388
50	54	5,319	2,803	3,085	11,207	5,266
55	59	5,250	2,767	3,045	11,062	4,935
60	64	5,198	2,739	3,015	10,952	4,315
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750,000 pupils will suffer as teachers intensify strike

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Strike action by teachers is being intensified next week and an estimated 750,000 pupils will be affected as hundreds of members of the two biggest unions take action in support of a flat-rate pay rise of £1,2000.

The National Union of Teachers, the biggest union, said yesterday that it would be calling out 6,000 teachers in 353 schools in 42 local authorities from next Tuesday. It estimates that 275,000 children will have their education disrupted.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers reckons that lightning strikes will affect up to 480,000 children. It is calling out 7,500 teachers in 400 schools.

The NUT action next week will affect 25 authorities for the first time, including the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority, the outer London borough of Barnet, which includes Mrs Thatcher's constituency of Finchley, and Hampshire, where Mr Philip Merridale, the employers' leader, is education chairman.

Other authorities being affected for the first time are South Tyneside, Durham, Lancashire, Wigan, Rochdale, Sefton, Kirklees, Barnsley, Rotherham, Humberside, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Shropshire, Essex, Norfolk, West Sussex, Gwyndd Powys, Barking, Kingston, and Redbridge.

The five councils facing NAS/UWT action for the first time are Hereford and Worcester, Northamptonshire, Dyfed, Lancashire, and Dorset. Their action involves calling out members for periods of one lesson to half a day to create maximum disruption at minimum cost to teachers' pockets.

Parents' organizations are becoming concerned about the effects of the action. The Inner London Parents' Central Consultative Committee is seeking a meeting with the unions, with a view to a joint approach to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

● Teachers in Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and West, who refuse to cover for absent colleagues during industrial action, are to have £2 deducted from their pay for each session lost from next week. And nearly 2,500 NUT members in Northamptonshire were warned yesterday that there would be no pay while they were on strike.

● Six colleges in the West Midlands are setting up a commercial agency based at Aston University to provide tailor-made training schemes to help local companies to enhance their export prospects.

Bus pass ruling 'could cost £60m'

By Michael Horsnell

Education chiefs fear a High Court judgement allowing a free bus pass to a schoolgirl aged 13 could lead to a million additional applications for free travel.

The test case ruling last month could, it is believed, cost councils an extra £60 million a year.

The court upheld an appeal by the parents of Shirley Rogers against a conviction for failing to send her to school. Mr Peter Rogers, a farmworker, and his wife kept their daughter at home for more than two years after Essex education officials refused her a bus pass.

Although the family's home, near Colchester is more than three miles from her school, the minimum distance before a pass is issued, officials said she could take a short cut through woods. The parents said the route was unsafe.

After the Divisional Court ruling, which backed the parents' stand, the girl was given a free bus pass. But now Essex County Council is seeking leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

A council spokesman said: "We have always maintained that the Education Act 1944 does not require education authorities to take the safety of routes into account when deciding who is entitled to free travel. The High Court ruling as it stands could cost Essex an extra £2 million a year, and authorities across the country a total of some £60 million a year".



Jubilee service: The Queen greeted by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alan Traill, when she arrived at St Paul's Cathedral yesterday morning for the golden jubilee service of King George's Jubilee Trust (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

City celebrates rates defiance

By Ronald Faux

A red flag flew yesterday over the sombre corridors of Edinburgh District Council, in celebration of the council's defiance of government spending guidelines.

The controlling left-wing Labour groups is pushing through a budget that raises rates in the city by 79 per cent, in the first breach of the new regulations limiting rate fund contributions which came into force in Scotland last month.

Labour took control of Edinburgh last May after th city had been ruled by Conservatives for as long as anyone can remember.

Nine-and-a-half hours of argument over the budget still left Labour with enough voice for a chorus of the "Internationale" after the decision was to taken to transfer £8.5 million from the rate fund to its housing revenue account. The Secretary of State for Scotland had set that limit at £5.7 million.

The councillors know that they have lit a legal fuse which could lead to their expulsion, surcharge and bankruptcy. But there is still time to score political points, lower the red flag and retire gracefully before the bailiffs move in.

Mr James Burnett, secretary of the Labour group and chairman of the policy and resources sub-committee, said that the budget honoured the pledge to the city on which Labour was voted in. The statutory limit had been reached, he said, because it was too low. Edinburgh had chronic housing problems that could be solved only wth a bigger budget.

"The Secretary of State has simply taken last year's Tory budget, reduced it by 10 per cent and set that as the limit.

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Parties split on rate capping: 2

GLC Tories suspicious of cash limit

Most members of the Greater London Council want to fix a legal rate, yet the council may soon lurch beyond the boundary fixed in law. HUGH CLAYTON, Local Government Correspondent, explains the paradox.

Some Conservative members of the Greater London Council think that the Government's rate-capping law will cost the average household in the capital about £50 more than it should in the coming year. They suspect dark motives in the fixing by ministers of a limit for the GLC which seems much more generous than those imposed on smaller Labour-led councils in the capital.

The explanation advanced by some GLC Conservatives is simple. Rate-capping is the Government's main policy for local authorities in 1985. Next year it will yield the centre of the stage to the abolition of the GLC and the six English metropoitan county councils.

The cause of the county councils is generally considered to be lost, but there is substantial public support for retaining a London-wide council of some sort. Ministers, the GLC Conservative theory goes, need to convince parliamentary sceptics in their own party to the cause of abolition. They faced an embarrassing defeat last year over the paving Bill which led towards abolition.

Critics of abolition are being seduced increasingly by the idea that the system devised by ministers to succeed the GLC will be even more cumbersome and costly than the present one. One way to show savings would be to cut the rates bill to Londoners next year. They can do that, the theory goes, by making the rates artificially high this year.

The Conservatives' low-rate budget will be defeated by the combined votes of the Labour majority and the small Alliance group. It will then be the Alliance's turn to have its own plan for a legal budget overturned.

At some stage the Labour majority will move a proposal which allows for growth while keeping inside the Government's rate limit. Some Labour councillors, perhaps including Mr Ken Livingstone, will vote against it. That will be because they think it inconsistent with their party's policies.

Will Conservatives risk joining the Labour left in tipping the GLC beyond the pale of the law? Mr Livingstone does not think so. The deadline is midnight on Sunday.

Concluded

Private aircraft to use Farnborough

Government plans to allow business aircraft to take off and land at the Royal Establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire, are likely to double flying activities in the area.

Mr John Lee, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said yesterday that it was intended to invite bids for a 50 acre site at the airfield. Just over half the area would be for use for general aviation, and the remainder for high technology industry.

It is intended that a maximum of 40 aircraft of not more than 20 seats should be based at the site, and the number of aircraft movements will be limited to 25,000 take offs or landings a year.

2,000-mile run

A 2,000-mile fun run around Britain is to be started by Sebastian Coe in Hyde Park on May 27. It will finish in Battersea Park on June 23. Up to 20 teams of runners plus numerous individuals are expected to take part in the Health Education Council event, which will be divided into 100-mile daily stages.

MP's illness

Mr Rob Hayward, Conservative MP for Kingswood, disclosed yesterday that he is suffering from multiple sclerosis, but he said he would fight elections for many years to come. Mr Hayward, aged 35, still plans to take part in this year's London marathon, but will give up rugby refereeing.

Radio censure

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission has upheld a complaint that a statement on BBC Radio Derby about the suspension of the Derbyshire Chief Constable Mr Alfred Parrish was inaccurate and it was unfair that the BBC failed to correct it at the earliest opportunity.

Cancer inquiry

The Government is to investigate allegations of possible links between the Sellafield nuclear plant in Cumbria and the high incidence of leukaemia directly across the Irish Sea in part of co Down and co Antrim.

Gas blast

A man died and two others were injured in an explosion at the Western Development Centre gas making plant in Fife, Scotland, yesterday. The man who died was Mr Pat O'Hanlon, aged 53, of Lechgelly.

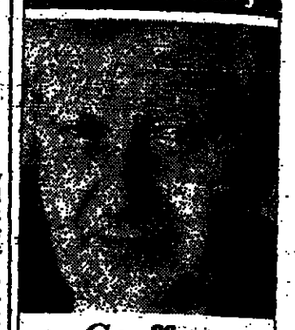
Council sale

Sheffield City Council is to sell its lord mayor's residence to the Property Service Agency for £175,000. Whirlow Court was bought for £24,000 in 1954.

Inquiry ends

The inquiry into a planned £1,200 million nuclear power station at Sizewell, Suffolk, ends today after 340 days.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The storm continues to rage over Lord Tonypandy's memoirs, *Mr Speaker*, in which he disclosed a number of confidential conversations with politicians of different parties, during the years he held that office.

Lord Tonypandy himself responded in a letter published in *The Times* yesterday to one of the most severe criticisms of him in a letter from Mr Michael Foot on Monday. According to Mr Foot, the publication of such exchanges by a former Speaker "is a breach of trust and can only do injury to Parliament."

Yet Mr Michael Heseltine achieved a parliamentary triumph in the Ponting/Belgrano debate a fortnight ago when he revealed confidential memorandums written in the Ministry of Defence. Is this fair? Or are politicians and the press guilty of practising double standards?

I have no doubt that Lord Tonypandy acted unwisely. The authority of the Speaker depends upon being, and being seen to be, above the battle. It is therefore not possible for a retired Speaker to publish the kind of controversial memoirs we have come to expect of former ministers, without diminishing the office.

Confidentiality of exchanges vital

One of the responsibilities of the Speaker is to receive representations in private, from individual MPs as well as from those acting on behalf of their parties. Anything that brings the confidentiality of these exchanges into question must hamper the work of future Speakers, and be potentially damaging to Parliament.

Lord Tonypandy's defence is that it was necessary to expose the improper pressures that were brought upon him. But it is impossible to tell from his book whether the pressures were improper.

It is the accepted procedure for the business managers of the various parties not simply to present their case to the Speaker in private, but sometimes to argue it with some vigour. A strong Speaker can withstand that sort of pressure, and there is no indication that Lord Tonypandy was unable to do so.

Even if the public does have a right to be informed on these matters, Lord Tonypandy can hardly be said to have told all that is relevant to a knowledge of his term of office. He has not offered a satisfactory account of his relationship with the first Thatcher administration, to which he proved to be a helpful Speaker. His disclosures have been selective.

But so, too were Mr Heseltine's and the British system of government requires confidence between ministers and their Civil Sevants, as well as between parliamentarians and the Speaker. One or two ministers have remarked to me that Mr Ponting has impaired the sense of automatic trust they previously placed in their Civil Servants. Has Mr Heseltine weakened the trust that Civil Servants should be able to place in their minister?

It is no use saying that his action has not set a precedent. But everything depends upon whether it is a broad or narrow precedent.

Rough justice in disclosure

If it were now to be thought justifiable for a minister to quote to Parliament the confidential advice he has received from particular Civil Servants, whenever it suited his political convenience to do so, the damage to the national interest would be far greater than anything done by Lord Tonypandy.

But Mr Heseltine's disclosures were selective in more senses than one. His quotations from confidential memorandums can have embarrassed no Civil Servant other than Mr Ponting. He may, therefore, reasonably be said to have acted in self-defence, or at least in direct retaliation. This was an example of a minister using the instrument of disclosure simply and solely against a man who had used the same instrument against ministers.

It was not a fastidious operation, but there was a rough justice in it. So long as it is accepted that only this narrow precedent has been created, I do not believe that British public life will have been damaged. Indeed, Mr Heseltine may well have provided a healty disincentive to future Pontings by showing that ministers are capable of hitting back.

But it will be disastrous if the precedent is interpreted more broadly. Lord Tonypandy has provided a general warning for future Speakers; Mr Heseltine has not provided a general excuse for future ministers.

NUT action at 353 schools next week

The following is the list o. 353 schools which will be disrupted by the National Union of Teachers' three-day selective strikes from next Tuesday in England and Wales. They will affect 42 education authorities.

SOUTH TYNESIDE: Lakes Lane Jnr; Ridgeway JMI; Northwold Inf, Boldon Comp; St Josephs Comp; Springfield Comp; Harton Comp; St Matthews JMI.
DURHAM: Burnside Jnr; St Josephs RCP, Stanley; Bloemfontein P, Stanley; Oxhill Nursery, Stanley; Greenland Inf, Stanley; South Stanley Jnr; Relaw Inf, Ches le Street; Chester le Street CE Jnr; Pelton Rosebery Prim; Bullion Lane P; W Pelton P; Edmondsley Prim, First Moor Inf, Darlington; Heathfield Prim, Darlington; Springfield Comp, Darlington; Tanfield Comp, Stanley; Stanley Comp; Greencroft Comp, Stanley; Park View Comp, Ches le Street; Hermitage Comp, Ches le Street; Pelton Rosebery Comp, Ches le Street; Eastbourne Comp, Darlington; Hummerknott Comp, Darlington.
LANCASHIRE: Morecambe HS; Heysham HS; Moorside Prim; Gt Wood Prim.
WIGAN: Canfield HS; Fred Longworth HS; Ashcroft Fletcher HS; Golborne Comp; Beech Hill CP; St Aidans RC Prim; Brymgate CP; Scot Lane CP; Park Lee Prim; St Judes CE Jnr; Lamberhead Green Prim.
ROCHDALE: Balderstone High; Greenhill High; Ouider Hill High; Redbrook Mid; Matthew Moss Mid; Littleborough High; Rooch Valley High.
SEFTON: Grange Prim, Bootle; Bootle High; Hillside High, Bootle; Ainsdale High; Marlcount High; Vine Wood CP; Chesterfield High; Thos Grey Jnr; Maghull CE Prim; Deyes High.
KIRKLEES: Howden Clough HS; Kirkburton Mid S; Horley CE Jnr.
BARNSLEY: Worsbrough Common Jnr; St Hildas Jnr; Hunningley Jnr; Worsborough Dale Jnr; Thurnscoe Comp; Priory S.
ROTHERHAM: Wales Comp; Swinton Brookfield Jnr; Aston Brook Jnr.
HUMBERSIDE: Bridlington S; Driffield 6; Epworth CP, Scunthorpe; Winterton Jnr, Scunthorpe; Matthew Humberston Sec; Grimsby; Bilton Prim, E Riding; Willerby Carr Lane Inf, E Riding; Howden S, E Riding; Amy Johnson HS, Hull; Andrew Marvell HS, Hull; Newland Sec, Hull; Sir Leo Schultz HS, Hull; Marist College, Hull.
LEICESTERSHIRE: Hamilton S; Rushey Mead Sec; Soar Valley S & Comm Coll; Wolsey House Prim; Northfield House Jnr; Herrick Jnr; Herrick Inf; Abbey Prim; Melton Prim; Sandfield Post Prim; Belgrave Prim; New Park S; (all in Leicester)
DERBYSHIRE: Noel Baker Sec; Staffin S; Merrill S; Littleover S; Barrow Wood Jnr; Highfield Hall (in Derby).
NORTHANTS: Grange Comp; Grange Jnr; Grange Inf; Southrook Comp; Southbrook Jnr (in Daventry).
BIRMINGHAM: Aston Tower Jnr; Twickenham Jnr; Four Dwellings Sec; Gold Hillock Sec; Highhead Sec; Jaffray Sec; St Philip RC Vth Form Coll; Washwood Heath Sec.
SOLIHULL: Balsall J and I; Castle Bromwich J; Alcott Hall J and I; Kingshurst Comp; Burtons Farm J and I; Mill Lodge J and I; Alderbrook Comp; Simon Digby Comp; Castle Bromwich Inf; Light Hall Comp; Lode Heath Comp.
SHROPSHIRE: Priory Sec; Wakeman Sec; Belvedere Sec; St George's Prim; Coleham Prim; St Giles CE P; Holy Cross P (all in Shrewsbury).
WARWICKSHIRE: St Giles Mid; Nicholas Chamberlaine Sec; Exhall Grange Sec; Cloudesley End First; Campion Sec; North Leamington Sec.
ESSEX: Swans S; Ravleigh Jnr; Hockley Cp; Lalndon Comp; Billericay Comp.
SUFFOLK: Stirling Lower; Edward Sec; St Edmunds; Westley Mid, B, St Edmunds; Westley Mid, B, St Edmunds; County High; St Edmunds; Milkenhall Upper.
CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Coleridge S; Manor S; Impington Vill Coll.
WEST SUSSEX: Sir Fdk Osborne S, Mount Grace S, Potters Bar; Owen S, Potters Bar.
NORFOLK: Thorpe Hamlet Mid; W, Earlham Mid; Westwood, Tuterial; Notre Dame, Hawston Broadland; Long Stratton; Blgnold Mid; Gurney Mid; Mile Cross Mid; St Thos, More Mid; Crringford VA; Loddon Mid.
BEDFORDSHIRE: Edith Cavell Lower; Springfield Lower; Ridgeway Spec; Bulloi Lower; Hastingsbury Upper.
HAMPSHIRE: Farnborough Vth Form Coll; Yateley Comp; Warvel Sec; Frogmore Sec; Cove Sec; All Hallows Sec; Samuel Cody Spec.
W, SUSSEX: Notre Dame Mid; Desmond Anderson Mid; Pound Hill First; St Winifrids Sec; Hazelwick Sec; Thos Bennett Sec (all in Crawley); Sackville Comp; Imberhorne Comp (both E Grinstead).
SURREY: Stanwell Sec; Sunbury Manor Sec; Thamesmead Sec; Collingwood Sec; Toonlincote Sec.
DORSET: Heathlands First; Kingsleigh Jnr; Oakmead Boys; Oakmead Girls; Winton Boys; Bournemouth Girls Grammar (all Bournemouth).
SOMERSET: West Somerset S, Minehead; King Alfred S, Burnhatp-on-Sea; Bucklers Mead, S Yeovil.
DEVON: Queen Elizabeth, Crediton; St Thos High; St Peters High; Prior High; St James High; Vincent Thompson High (all Exeter).
BERKSHIRE: Newlands S; Furze Platt S; Cox Green S; Altwood Sec; Desborough Sec; St Lukes P (all Maidenhead).
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: Springfield Mid; Chepplewell First; Bridgewater First; Brindley Hall; Radcliffe Comp; Sir Frank Markham, Milton Keynes.
OXFORDSHIRE: Cooper S, Bicester; St Edmunds, Bicester; Gosford Hill; Thos More S; Peers Comp; Lawn Upton Mid; W Kidlington P (all in the Oxford district).
WILTSHIRE: Liden Jnr; Dorcan Sec; Herod Parkway Sec; Holy Family RC Inf; Churchfields Sec (all Swindon); Christ the King Prim; Amesbury; Durrington Sec; Bishop Wordsworth G; Stonehenge Sec (all Salisbury).
CLWYD: Hawarden HS; Connahs Quay HS; Deeside HS; St David's HS, Saltney; Shotton Tallesin Prim; Saltney Wood Prim; St Davids Prim.
GWYNEDD: David Hughes Sec; Brynsiencyn Prim; Llanfair PG CP; Llangristiolus C; Ysgol Cae Top Prim; Coedmawr Inf; Friars Park Holyhead; Ansebury; Durrington Sec; Llaingoch CP; Llanfawn Prim; Ysgol y Parc.
POWYS: Pencae Prim; Colbren Prim; Penntheatlfechan; Abercraf Prim; Penrhos Prim; Cynlais Prim; Ystradgynlwyn Prim; Cwmtwrch Prim; Gurnos Inf; Gurnos Jnr; Maesvidderwen Comp; Glasnyd Prim (all in Cwmtawe); Llanidloes HS; Llanidloes CP; Trefeglwys CP.
DYFED: Ammanford CP; Ammanford Welsh S; Ammanford Nursery; Bettws Prim; Amman Valley Comp; Ysgolgyfun y Strade; Cardigan S; Brynygwyn S; Gnaly S (all Llanelli).
Eire: De Beauvoir JM; Hackney Free & Parochial; Parkwood JMI; Woodberry Down Inf; Woodberry Down Jnr; Gayhurst JMI; St John the Baptist; Rushmore Rd Inf; Laburnum JMI; Northwold JM; Downs View; Grazebrook; Orchard JMI; Hackney Downs Sec; Clapton Sec Girls (all in Hackney); Fursedown Prim; Alderbrook Prim; John Milton Prim; Hillbrook Prim; Southmead JM; Latchmere JMI; Southfields Sec; Batersea County; Ernest Bevin Sec (all Wandsworth).
BARNET: Deansbrook Jnr; St John's JMI; Woodcroft Jnr; Ashmole Sec; Copthall Sec; Edgware Sec; Finchley Manorhouse; Grahame Park Sec; Queen Elizabeth Girls St; Ravenscroft Sec; Northway Sec.
BARKING AND DAGENHAM: Eastbury Inf; Rush Green Inf; Gascoigne Jnr; Marks Gate Jnr; Roding Jnr; Barking Abbey Comp; Robert Clack Comp.
KINGSTON UPON THAMES: Lovelace Prim; Moor Lane Jnr; King Athelstan Prim; Fleetwood Sec; Hollyfield Sec; Beverley Sec.
REDBRIDGE: Gradon Inf; Redbridge Inf; Roding Prim; Woodlands Jnr; Caleham High; Chadwell Heath; Hainault High; Wanstead High.

PARLIAMENT MARCH 5/6 1985

Marathon sitting ● Speaking record broken

That was the day that wasn't

COMMONS

An all night sitting with a filibuster by opponents of the Water (Fluoridation) Bill led to cancellation of Wednesday's sitting and delayed the second reading of the Interception of Communications Bill which was to have been taken as the main business for Wednesday, March 6, 1985, a day which will never exist in the parliamentary calendar.

The Opposition had been demanding that the Bill, which relates to the tapping of telephones, be delayed, while the Bridge report on telephone tapping, published on Wednesday morning, was fully considered.

Mr John Biffin, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, said that after discussions between the party business managers, there would be a statement about when the second reading of the Interception of Communications Bill would be taken.

The star of the all-night sitting was Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C), who started a speech on an amendment to provide for testing of fluorine added to water, at 5.12am and finished it at 9.35am only because, he said, he had to go to the Old Bailey to defend in the Security Express robbery case.

However, he returned to the fray at 10.30am and once again contributed to the continuation of the debate by opposing the next amendment for 39 minutes.

An example had been set in the small hours by Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C), who had spoken for 1 hour and 15 minutes on the motion to adjourn the debate.

Mr Fairbairn condemned ministers for supporting a principle which they had formerly opposed.

Sir Ian Percival (Southport, C) opposed the Bill as "compulsory medication" and Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said ministers were puppets and stooges who supported the Bill merely because of their position and not because of medical evidence.

An amendment providing for an annual review of fluoridation was rejected by 122 votes to 43 – Government majority, 79.

Mr Lawrence's four-hour speech was larded with references to many scientific studies and to the presence of fluoride, in many products from lettuces to non-stick pans.

Wednesday's business was lost when a motion to adjourn the debate was rejected by 196 vots to 48 – Government majority, 148.

Shortly before 2.30 pm today (Wednesday) when it became clear that the business for today had been lost, MPs raised a series of points of order.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal chief whip, said it would have been better if whoever had been in the Chair had used his own judgement to ensure that MPs had an opportunity to look at the Bridge report, instead of the Government covering its own embarrassment and conniving at the removal of its own business.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Hull North, Lab) asked if Mr Biffen had instructed the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) to rewrite the infamous Interception of Communications Bill to ensure proper democratic control of the nefarious goings-on of the Government.

After the Deputy Speaker (Mr Ernest Armstrong) had pointed out that these were not matters for the Chair, Mr Biffen rose at 2.33 pm to say it was clear that Wednesday's business had been lost.

That will have to be considered through the usual channels (he said) and I hope to make a statement indicating when it would be further considered.

Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab) asked, amid laughter, what would happen to his birthday today – Wednesday.

Mr Armstrong caused renewed laughter when he replied: I must wish him many happy returns, but it is not a matter for me.

Mr Dixon: Because March 6, or Wednesday, is not in the parliamentary year, what have I to do with my birthday presents? This is because we are still on yesterday.

When the report stage was resumed, and he examined the minutiae of his own procedural amendment, Mr John Golding (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Lab) admitted it might be defective. After he had drafted it he found he did not understand it.

But when The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) suggested he might withdraw it, Mr Golding said it was common for ministers to accept amendments they said were defective and tidy them up in the House of Lords.

Mr Golding said he had studied the standing orders of the House in Erskine May and nowhere was it laid down that MPs must know what they were talking about when they spoke in the Commons.

If there were that rule (he added) there would be silence.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said he could not guarantee that if he recommended a patient to take one or two aspirins it would not have the slightest ill-effect. But all the evidence pointed strongly towards to the fact that fluoride caused no ill-effects whatsoever if one part per million was added to water. This substance had been used for 40 years without any serious effects.

Some Conservative MPs held up documents and said "Read that".

Dr Miller: You are reading a lot of tripe. You will always get pseudo experts who make a lot of money by taking an opposite point of view.

Mr Golding: No wonder we get into trouble when we go to the doctor's.



Dixon: what about my birthday presents?

He said he had just been passed a note which read "the longer you speak the smaller will be your vote", so he would finish.

Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said the effect of Mr Golding's amendment would be that a full report would have to be presented to Parliament on tests carried out on any substances that the Secretary of State chose to add to the list of substances in the Bill.

The Government would not seek to add any dangerous substances and all chemicals and minerals were vetted by the Committee on chemicals and materials of construction for use in the public water supply, within the Department of Environment.

Any evidence available on such substances would be made available to any MP who asked. Any MP who felt there had not been adequate time to consider it could seek to reject the statutory instrument which would have to be laid.

The amendment was rejected by 192 votes to 84 votes – Government majority, 108.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, moving the third reading of the Bill, said the Government had plainly won the divisions. He did not accept that it was surprising that when the Government produced a Bill ministers turned up to vote for it. He did not see that as a constitutional outrage.

Mr Frank Dobson, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said he personally supported the Bill.

A vote for the Bill was a vote against children getting toothache and anyone voting against it would have to explain to parents why they had voted for toothache.

Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate, C) said it was a nasty little Bill and was not in line with main Conservative philosophy.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said that dental caries was a serious disease. Cardiac conditions could develop from it when there was infection and the heart valves could be affected.

Some poorer sections of the community could not look after their children. Fluoride should be introduced into a child's body even before it was born and the only sure way to do that was to add it to water.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C) said it was condescending to regard caries as a major complaint. Were pimples and dandruff serious complaints? Labour MPs believed the working classes were not able to brush their teeth. That was a great insult.

They believed they could not look after themselves so the water should be doctored. Perhaps they would also doctor it in order to do something about athlete's foot, nettle rash and over-breeding.

They should never doctor the water for any reason and certainly not for a trivial reason. Labour MPs were putting forward a condescending socialist argument.

The Bill was read a third time by 165 votes to 82 – Government majority, 83.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order and on Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order. Lords (3): Films Bill, committee.

Minister says Sir Peter Hall is not best qualified to criticize

THE ARTS

New incentives to attract additional arts sponsorship were announced in the House of Lords by the Earl of Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, during a debate on Government arrangements for financial support for the arts and media. He said he wanted to make his new business incentive scheme (launched last October) even more attractive to small and medium-sized businesses which had never tried sponsorship.

I am delighted to say (he said) that at the end of the first half year, I shall have announced awards in respect of £2.5 million new sponsorship.

From April 1 (he went on) I shall be introducing a special bonus offer for first-time sponsors. Under this I shall offer matching grants – pound for pound – for new sponsorship over £1,000 from companies which have not sponsored the arts before. I hope that by encouraging companies in this way to dip their toes into sponsorship for the first time, they will be wholly converted. Once they have experienced the benefits they can derive from it I believe they will continue to sponsor in future years.

I have also been persuaded that the present qualifying limit for the scheme of £7,500 is too high to attract additional sponsorship from many existing sponsors and so I have decided to reduce that limit to £3,000 for them. The present awards at £1 for £3 will continue for existing sponsors and for new sponsors after their first year.

In both cases the upper limit of £25,000 on Government contributions will continue. I am convinced that both these changes will attract more sponsorship money for the arts and that many more arts bodies will be encouraged to go after sponsorship in a businesslike way with this added inducement.

We must have a mixed economy, a plurality of funding, in the arts as elsewhere.

In his speech, in which he praised a wide range of arts in Britain, Lord Gowrie said: Let me praise Sir Peter Hall (Director of the National Theatre) even if I feel his talents for politics match my artistic talents.

Since 1978–79 there had been an increase in real terms of 18 per cent in Government funding for the arts and even in this year – which he had acknowledged would be a tight year for many arts bodies – the overall increase would be just under 6 per cent more than predicted out-turn of inflation and more than the present inflation rate.

It is irresponsible rubbish (he said) for Sir Peter Hall and others to say year on year arts subsidies are being reduced or that our system of state support is being dismantled.

Sir Peter Hall has led the attack on the Arts Council, on this Government and myself. It is, of course, his right to do so. Nevertheless I do not feel that he is the best qualified person. With £6.7 million annually, the National Theatre remains e best funded theatre. I know many directors up and down the land would like to have that budget and Sir Peter's terms and conditions of employment.

I am very sad indeed at the suggested closure of the Cottesloe. I am contemptuous of the Greater London Council, not for its proposals to give it additional support which I would warmly welcome, but for its blatantly political shenanigans.

The GLC mischief is to make rescue conditional on rate-capping not going ahead not going ahead. It has treatened to cut its arts grant by up to £20 million if it is rate-capped. It could have gone a long way towards avoiding this. It could have applied for de-regulation of grant for arts bodies including arts institutions but it has not done so. Sir Peter has himself recognized the GLC's political manipulation of the arts.

As to the accusation that Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Arts Council, is my puppet, it really is a daft and rather insulting idea. Sir William is an immensely intelligent and heavy-weight public figure. If there is to be influence, it is much more likely to be him influencing me than the other way round.

The proposed abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan counties councils offered a way out of this and similar political manipulation and accusations.

He asked if the National Theatre really needed more than 50 permanent designers.

For local government to say it could not support arts because of rate capping was almost as foolish as if he were to say he could not try to mend the Victorian and Albert's roof because of the effect that might have on the value of sterling. Where there was a will there was a way.

The Government was looking further at tax incentives in line with its manifesto commitment to examine ways of using the tax system to encourage further growth in private support.

As culture minister, it was also his duty to deliver something of a culture shock. The party was not over, but the limits on hospitality had been reached. From now on central government funding would remain broadly level in real terms.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab), in opening th debate, said seething discontent in the arts had made itself felt in a number of ways including seven resignations from Arts Council committees and what appeared to be open revolt among some of the beneficiaries of the council.

It was not a question of a delinquent or feeble minister. It was a case of a government gone wrong because it sought to concentrate power centrally and because it had come to believe it must impose its economic measures at all levels. The Arts Council appeared to be bound by the Cabinet's monetarists diktats and the chairman, Sir William Rees-Mogg was now the arts minister's puppet.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge (SDP) said a quick look outside London did not suggest tha cutting the centre had done the provinces much good. It had certainly done the centre grievous harm.

Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Ind), chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, said he wanted to give the Government a bouquet for the £24 million the fund had been given without any strings, except that it should be devoted to the preservation of three great pieces of heritage.

Lord Miles (Ind) said actors were speaking for England all the time. It was a burden they elected to carry when they entered the profession. The slow agonised growth and progress of the British theatre during his working lifetime was one of the great stories of this nation.

The Earl of Gowrie intervened to say he wished to clear up a point which seemed to have caused confusion. The Arts Council had not yet announced, and he did not know what, it was liable to announce, the extent of its regional provision. It had simply told him there was liable to be some additional fuiding in regions as part of its strategy.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Congress bandwagon falters in south

Voters deal blow to Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Indian voters – especially in the south of the country – significantly set back the hitherto unstoppable progress of the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi. In elections to state legislative assemblies the voters returned anti-Congress (I) governments to power in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Sikkim and came within an ace of doing so in the important west coast state, Maharashtra.

Late last night it was still not clear who would control Maharashtra and its industrial and commercial metropolis, Bombay. But elsewhere, especially across the Hindi belt, Mr Gandhi's Congress (I) party romped home, increasing its majorities in most states and coming close to wiping out the Opposition in the largest state, Madhya Pradesh. With all results in, Congress has more than three-quarters of the seats in that assembly, winning 250 of the 350.

The Prime Minister with his wife and children yesterday went to a game park in the heart of Madhya Pradesh for a well-earned rest. But he had to face the fact that his sensational victory in the December general election was only a pause in the regression of Congress (I) into a party of the Gangetic plain. On the Periphery, Congress politics seem to be rejected.

Other states returning Congress majorities yesterday were Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. In the federally administered territory of Pondicherry, Congress returned in coalition with the regional Tamil Nadu party, the Aiadmk.

The Karnataka result was a fine tribute to the special qualities and charisma of the Janata Chief Minister, Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, who for two years has struggled to hold together a tottery coalition, after Janata surprisingly found itself the largest party in the assembly after the 1983 election.

Mr Hegde returns to power with enough Janata party members to form a majority government.

In Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Minister, The ageing former film star, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, strengthened his position despite Congress bringing in no fewer than three other film stars to oppose him. Last year Mrs Gandhi tried to topple Mr Rama Rao. He recovered sufficiently for his party to become the largest single block of opposition votes in the central parliament, and to return to power this week, strengthened by disowning those who defected to his rival, Mr Nadendla Bhaskara Rao, who briefly supplanted him last September and has also been returned to the assembly.

In Maharashtra, the Congress party has become the victim of inbuilt problems and of the attempt to cure them. During the election Chief Minister, Mr Vasantdada Patil, aged 67, and controversial, had the stool kicked from under him by the Central Party who declared that "the leadership issue is still open".

Furthermore, in an attempt to clean up the party image in a notoriously corrupt state the Central party refused to grant electoral endorsement to 124 of its assembly members, including 13 of the 29 state ministers.

By contrast, the Opposition for the first time got together and presented an image of almost pure unity. Under the leadership of Mr Sharad Pawar, who broke away from Congress to found the Congress (S) party, a Progressive Democratic Front was formed, which also included the Janata party, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the local Peasants and Workers Party.

In Sikkim, the former Chief Minister, Mr Nar Bahadur Bhandari, was dismissed last year. Eventually President's rule was imposed, but now Mr Bhandari is back with a vengeance, winning a clear majority of the 32 seats in the assembly for his Sikkim Sangram Parishad members.

Raid kills five

Colombo – Five people were killed and five injured at Point Pedro, the northernmost town in Sri Lanka, when security forces raided a number of houses. They said they recovered arms and ammunition.



No joke: Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory joins the the twentieth anniversary Selma to Montgomery march.

Sihanouk forces battle to survive

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Thai infantry supported by aircraft and artillery have killed more than 60 of the 1,000 Vietnamese soldiers who invaded north-eastern Thailand north of the Cambodian border on Tuesday, according to a senior Army officer.

Major-General Naruedol Dechpradiyuth said 30 Vietnamese had been killed on the barbed wire surrounding a hilltop in Suring province and at least 30 others had been killed elsewhere in Surin and in the adjoining Sisaket province. Two Thai soldiers were killed and 15 wounded. Five Thai civilians were killed by Vietnamese shellfire in the past 24 hours.

General Naruedol accused Vietnam of deliberately violating Thai territory. In places they were three miles inside Thailand. He said Thai forces would battle to the death to repel the Vietnamese, who crossed into Thailand presumably in pursuit of retreating guerrillas.

Journalists are not permitted to enter the battle zone. Some 4,000 Thai villagers have been evacuated to safer areas and 80,000 Cambodian civilian refugees have been moved further into Thailand.

General Arthit Kamlang-Ek, the Thai Supreme Commander, will cut short a visit to France because of the incursion.

Minister overrules order to free Astiz

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – Argentina's supreme military tribunal has ordered the release of a naval officer accused of shooting a Swedish girl, but the Defence Minister, Sir Raul Borras, overruled the decision.

Defence Ministry sources said it was not clear if the order to free Lieutenant Alfredo Astiz, accused of abducting and shooting a Swedish teenager, Miss Dagmar Hagelin, in 1977, had been carried out.

Hours after news of the tribunal's ruling, Señor Borras issued a statement in which he instructed the armed forces' attorney general to declare the order null.

Lieutenant Astiz is accused of shooting Miss Hagelin as she fled from the house of a friend where a Navy squad was carrying out an anti-guerrilla operation. She was last seen alive in a Navy detention centre.

The Navy officer gained international attention in 1982 when he surrendered South Georgia Island without firing a shot during Britain's war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

Lieutenant Astiz also faces charges arising from the disappearance of two French nuns and 10 Argentines in late 1977. They were among an estimated 9,000 people who disappeared during military rule from 1976 to 1983.

The federal appeal court last month upheld a lower court ruling that Lieutenant Astiz's case be handled by a military rather than civilian court.

Borras has sworn in a new Army Chief of Staff, General Héctor Erenu, as part of a reorganization



Lieutenant Astiz: Surrendered without a shot.

Zia's constitutional changes anger former allies

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Pakistan's right-wing politico-religious body, Jamaat-e-Islami which was a partner in the martial law government following the removal of the late Prime Minister Mr Zuckfar Ali Bhutto, in 1977, has criticized General Zia-ul-Haq's recent amendments to the 1973 constitution saying that "anti-Pakistan elements and artful bureaucracy have managed the continuation of martial law in the garb of the constitution".

Although political parties are banned, Jamaat-e-Islami is one of the few formally defunct parties which has continued to function without interruption.

A meeting of its executive was held earlier this week in Lahore. Jamaat had also sponsored candidates in elections to national and provincial assemblies, but had a poor showing in the polls last month.

President Zia's amendments have been deplored by the anti-regime opposition and also attracted criticism from moderate political opinions and press which generally supported the general. Jamaat's criticism must have annoyed him considerably.

Jamaat's long resolution said it was unfortunate that the regime started a new democratic era with undemocratic measures. It criticized the enforcement of amendments after the election and before the new Parliament met to consider them. The amendments, it said, basically changed the 1973 constitution, rendered the Prime Minister powerless and negated the agreed autonomy of the provinces.

Jamaat further alleged that the amendments adversely affected the higher courts

● LAHORE: A military court has sentenced 54 dissidents to 25 years in jail for plotting against the military Government (Reuter reports).

Our man in a taxi in Shanghai

From Mary Lee
Shanghai

Mr Trevor Mound cuts a dashing figure in this shabby city of 12 million Chinese, his erect 6ft 3in frame cloaked in an Inverness cape and Herdwick cap. Only his pince-nez gives any hint of age. He is 55 and the new British Consul-General in Shanghai, the first in 35 years.

In six weeks' time, his "typically British car" will arrive, and he will be riding around in a royal-blue London cab, dressed in typically British attire from his Tothill Street clothier near Parliament Square.

But Mr Mound will not be moving into the old British consulate. That was closed in 1968 during the Cultural Revolution, the year after he joined the Diplomatic Service. It has since become the Friendship Store.

His military background (he served in Malaya) helps in China, he says. "A great many people I've met had been guerilla leaders. I tell them I was an anti-guerrilla leader, and we have something in common to talk about."

He was awarded an OBE in 1977, after four years in the embassy in Beirut, where he organized the evacuation of Britons when the civil war broke out in Lebanon.

Much of his time now will be spent on helping to open up British business opportunities in China. So far, only a dozen firms, mostly oil companies, are represented in Shanghai, China's most important industrial city.

Mound expects to be kept busy with more delegations like Lord Young's, which left Shanghai yesterday for Canton.

"Trade delegations are important to show senior Chinese officials that our top industrialists are serious about China," he says. "But you don't send chairmen of companies to do ground work," he added quickly, preempting questions about the dearth of agreements signed and sealed by the highest-level trade delegates ever assembled.

Mound shows sympathy for British expatriates trying to do business in China. "The man in the field doesn't get treated as well by the local officials as his visiting chairman," he says.

British television audiences will see him on BBC's documentary, *40 Minutes*, this autumn. Says Mr Mound: "They'll think all I do is attend banquets, drink maotai and dance with correspondents from Peking. But, with a staff of three, I assure you, there's plenty of work to do."

Indonesia fears terror tactics in Timor

Lospalos, East Timor (Reuter) – Indonesia says Fretilin separatist guerrillas in East Timor are in bad shape and cannot fight on much longer, but officials fear they might turn to terror tactics against Government targets.

Governor Mario Carrascalao said local support, vital in a guerrilla war, had dwindled for Fretilin, the Marxist Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, and they might launch a campaign of sabotage and assassination of officials.

Indonesian military commanders in the eastern towns of Lospalos, Baucau and Viqueque told foreign journalists, allowed into the former Portuguese colony for the first time in 18 months, that Fretilin was short of food and ammunition and its leadership was split.

But a spokesman for Fretilin said in Lisbon that the anti-Indonesian resistance remained strong and united despite a decade of Jakarta rule.

Mr Abilio Araujo, one of the many Fretilin exiles in Portugal, said last week: "The support of the people for Fretilin's armed resistance movement is growing."

But the Indonesian armed forces commander, General Benny Murdani, said recently that more than 7,000 troops were fighting 500 to 700 Fretilin rebels.

President Suharto annexed East Timor in 1976 after Fretilin gained the upper hand in a bloody civil war sparked by Portugal's decolonization plans.

Foreign aid workers estimate 100,000 East Timorese, more than one seventh of the population, died in the years immediately after the conflict, mostly of disease and hunger. Military analysts say Indonesia has lost more than 1,800 troops.

Indonesia partly justifies its intervention by arguing that Fretilin was a Marxist movement and that Jakarta and its allies could not afford to see an Asian Cuba emerging in their midst.

Aiming to win the hearts and minds of the East Timorese, President Suharto poured millions of dollars into projects to tempt the guerrillas out of the mountains by offering them a better life.

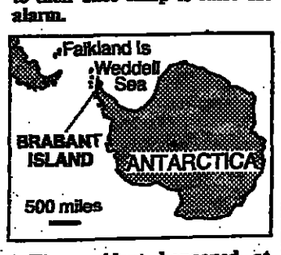
Former Fretilin members said life was harsh in the rugged mountain sanctuaries, where guerrillas had virtually no medicine and a poor diet.

Rescue bid for Britons on bleak isle

By Kenneth Gosling

An international operation was mounted yesterday to rescue two members of a British services expedition trapped with only a tent for shelter on Brabant Island, one of the bleakest areas of Antarctica.

Britain, Chile and the United States are involved in an attempt to airlift off a 2,500-ft ridge the leader of the expedition, Lieutenant-Commander Clive Waghorn, who broke his leg after falling into a crevasse and Lance-Corporal Kerry Gill, who remained with him while the two other members of the party returned to their base camp to raise the alarm.



The accident happened at the weekend. Lieutenant-Commander Waghorn, leading 15 men in the third and final phase of a 15-month expedition, took three of them on a sledging journey along an established route. But one day out from camp, while descending an isolated ridge, he fell into the crevasse.

An expedition spokesman said: "They were all roped up, so the others were able to haul him to safety and they made camp. Two of them set off back to base.

Within hours of their return, Faraday base, the nearest British Antarctic Survey post, had been alerted. It is attempting to fly in a Twin Otter aircraft and land on a glacier.

Chile offered to fly a helicopter from the north and the Americans offered to refuel it at Palmer station, about 80 miles from Brabant Island.

At the same time, HMS Endurance, the ice-patrol ship, set sail from the Falklands.

Brabant Island, about the size of the Isle of Man, is just outside the Antarctic Circle. The expedition spokesman called it "an extremely hostile place, entirely covered by ice and heavily crevassed".



Clive Waghorn: Broke leg in crevasse fall.

Arms firm included dog in Pentagon bill

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Pentagon has suspended payments of about $40 million to General Dynamics Corporation, America's largest military contractor, after allegations that it billed the Defence Department for millions of dollars for political entertainment, advertising expenses, corporate travel and even for boarding a dog owned by a company official.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, announced the 30-day suspension pending the outcome of further inquiries into improper charges. General Dynamics officials conceded under aggressive questioning at a congressional hearing last week that some of their claims had been improper.

The suspension will have hardly a measureable effect of the cash flow of the company, which is paid $6 billion a year by the Pentagon for a range of military supplies and equipment. The company said that "any billings that are determined not to be *bona fide* will be withdrawn immediately".

The suspension, which came after investigations and audits by Congress and the Pentagon, is the latest in a series of actions by the Defence Department to hold back payments from contractors when there is dissatisfaction

General Dynamics has conceded that items improperly charged to the Pentagon included entertainment of high-ranking military officials and £105,000 for air trips by Mr David Lewis, the company chairman, mostly to his family's farm in Georgia. A federal grand jury is also investigating the Company's Navy shipbuilding contracts.

Another big Pentagon contractor, the Boeing company, is withdrawing £61.000 in expense claims for political contributions

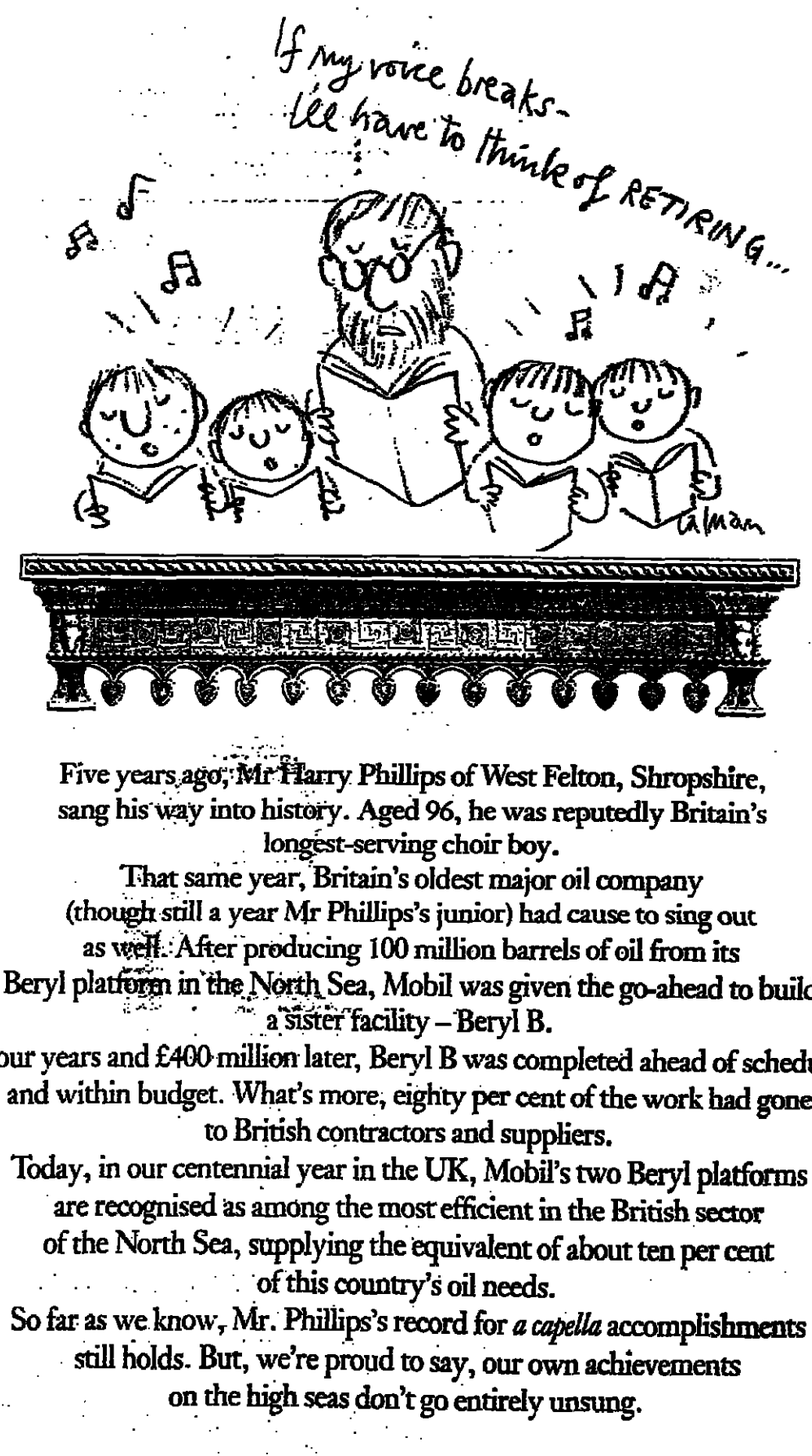
Detained Britons to face conspiracy charge

Lagos (Reuter) – Two British engineers held since last May are to be charged for the second time with conspiracy to steal an executive jet, a British High Commission spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Patterson originally were charged in November with helping a British pilot and his girl friend fly the plane out of Nigeria in defiance of a ban on aircraft departures during a national currency change.

The charges were withdrawn in a Lagos state court in January on the Attorney General's orders, but the two men were re-arrested without explanation minutes after being freed. Now they are due to appear in a federal high court on March 19.

Britain complained to Nigeria on Tuesday about their continued detention, adding their conditions were unsatisfactory and that they had been denied consular access at Kirikiri Prison outside Lagos.



South African economic crisis

Fury over austerity package

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

There was widespread anger here yesterday in the wake of an austerity package announced by President Botha involving hefty reduction in bonus payments for public servants amounting to a virtual pay cut.

One-third of economically active whites in South Africa are employed by the public sector and the measures announced by President Botha will affect people who, until now, have been among his most loyal constituents.

White railway workers held meetings in Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth at which they denounced the decision to cut their annual bonus by one third, amounting to about 500 rands or £230, which is due to be paid out next month. They voted to send protest telegrams to President Botha.

Many of the men called for strike action and go-slow tactics. In Johannesburg, Mr Willie van der Merwe, the chief security officer of the Artisans' Staff Associaton, told 1,000 angry railmen that he had been telephoned by a senior railways police officer who indicated that their protest meeting would not be allowed to go on.

In Durban, railway artisans called on the Government to pay them their full bonuses

Mr Botha's latest austerity package came as the country's economy continued to reel from the hammer blows of the rising dollar and runaway inflation. In the past month, petrol prices have been increased by 40 per cent and railway and postal tariffs have gone up sharply.

South African consumers are also battling with hire-purchase rates as high as 32 per cent and 25 per cent prime overdraft rates.

Mr Barend du Plessis, the Finance Minister, is due to present his budget on March 18

British firms to confer about apartheid

By Henry Stanhope

Several leading British companies are taking part in a conference at Leeds castle in Kent tomorrow to discuss ways of putting pressure on South Africa over its racial laws.

The chairman will be Mr Edward Heath, a long-term critic of apartheid. But the meeting is so confidential that his office yesterday refused to disclose details.

The main speaker is said to be the Rev Leon Sullivan, the American Nonconformist preacher and author of the so-called Sullivan Code which lays down a set of voluntary rules for US firms operating in South Africa.

One of Mr Sullivan's objectives is said to be to persuade British and other companies, who already abide by the EEC code, to move towards the tougher measures he advocates.

Another is to forestall pressure from American liberals, including Mr Edward Kennedy, for official restraints to be imposed on companies who invest in South Africa.

British companies taking part include Barclays Bank, Rio Tinto-Zinc, Shell and British Petroleum.

Five years ago, Mr Harry Phillips of West Felton, Shropshire, sang his way into history. Aged 96, he was reputedly Britain's longest-serving choir boy.

That same year, Britain's oldest major oil company (though still a year Mr Phillips's junior) had cause to sing out as well. After producing 100 million barrels of oil from its Beryl platform in the North Sea, Mobil was given the go-ahead to build a sister facility – Beryl B.

Four years and £400 million later, Beryl B was completed ahead of schedule and within budget. What's more, eighty per cent of the work had gone to British contractors and suppliers.

Today, in our centennial year in the UK, Mobil's two Beryl platforms are recognised as among the most efficient in the British sector of the North Sea, supplying the equivalent of about ten per cent of this country's oil needs.

So far as we know, Mr. Phillips's record for *a capella* accomplishments still holds. But, we're proud to say, our own achievements on the high seas don't go entirely unsung.

Mobil

Cautious Craxi backing for Star Wars project mirrors European anxiety

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, made clear yesterday that European support for President Reagan's "Star Wars" research programme was conditional on the US agreeing to take part in negotiations with the Soviet Union before deploying space weapons and its continued adherence to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty.

In an address to a joint meeting of Congress, Signor Craxi, who is also current president of the European Community, said "We view with interest the research programme for the strategic defence initiative announce by President Reagan."

He added that, although research into space weapons was permissible under the ABM treaty, the 1972 pact "must nevertheless continue to constitute an important reference point in the future negotiations in Geneva".

"Any future application (of space weapons) should fall within the field of negotiations," he told the assembled congressmen.

Although the points made by the Italian leader were similar to those made by Mrs Thatcher when she was in Washington two weeks ago, his remarks reflected continuing European concern about the effect which the President's strategic defence intiative could have on next week's US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva.

This anxiety has persisted despite the President's assurances to Mrs Thatcher and other Nato leaders that before any Star Wars deployment could take place the US would hold prior negotiations with Moscow.

The Europeans fear that Moscow will carry out its threat to hold progress in the talks on medium-range and long-range missiles hostage to concessions by the US on space weapons.

Such a warning was made by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, when he held talks with Signor Craxi in Rome last week.

The Europeans are also concerned that some influential members of the Reagan Administration want to tear up the ABM treaty so as to enable the US to move rapidly ahead with its Star Wars plans. The US has already accused Moscow of violating the ABM treaty and there have been suggestions from the Pentagon and from conservative members of congress that the US should do the same.

On the eve of the Geneva talks, a senior Soviet official has said bluntly that Moscow will "develop and perfect" strategic offensive weapons rather than negotiate reductions if the US continues its Star Wars programme.

General Nikolai Chervov, a member of a high-level Soviet parliamentary delegation currently visiting the US, told *The Washington Post:* "We are not going to sit on our hands and wait until you decide whether or not it would be worthy to deploy such a system ... you are working on your system and that means we'll start perfecting our strategic offensive arms."

General Chervov's statement was one of the most explicit Soviet declarations that continued US pursuit of Star Wars would result in increases of Soviet offensive arms rather than reduction, as the Reagan Administration hoped.

General Chervov heads the branch of the Soviet military staff which has jurisdiction over military participation in arms control negotiations.

Meanwhile, the Republican-controlled Senate budget committee has fired a warning shot at Mr Reagan's plans to continue his defence build-up by voting to cut $11 billion from the Pentagon's proposed spending plans for fiscal 1986. Altogether the committee called for cuts in defence spending amounting to $79 billion over the next three years.

The Senate's proposed cuts are certain to be rejected by the President for being too large and by the House of Representatives for not being large enough. It is expected that the Senate leadership will use the committee's vote as a lever to get the President to compromise on military spending during the haggling which will take place over the next few months on the 1986 budget.

The President has continued to press his case with Congress to approve funding for the controversial MX missile. He told a group of congressmen who visited the White House yesterday that a failure to approve funds for the MX would "unilaterally weaken" the US bargaining position at the Geneva talks.

Scandal on British islands



Mr Saunders, guarded by a Drug Enforcement Administration official after his arrest in Miami.

Chief Minister arrested on drugs charge

Miami (AP) – US drug enforcement agents have arrested three elected officials of the Turks and Caicos Government, including Mr Norman Saunders, Chief Minister, and accused them of scheming to use their British West Indies islands as a base for drug shipments to the US.

Mr Saunders was elected Chief Minister of the tiny islands in the Atlantic five years ago.

Others arrested were Mr Stafford Missick, Minister of Commerce and Development, Mr Ashden Smith, one of the 11 legislators, and a Canadian who has a home in the Bahamas, Mr Andre Fournier.

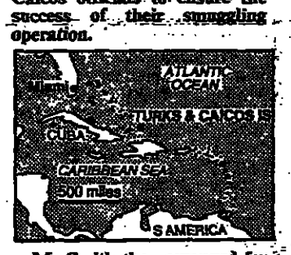
The four were charged with conspiracy to import narcotics into the United States, conspiracy to violate the US Travel Act, and interstate and foreign travel in aid of racketeering enterprises, the drugs enforcement agencies said in a statement.

All four were being held in a federal prison in Miami on a $2 million bond each.

The arrests followed a three-month investigation in which an confidential informant and an uncover *DEA agent posed as* organizers of a cocaine-and-marijuana smuggling operation who wanted to carry drugs from South America to the United States, said Mr Frank Chellino, a DEA spokesman.

"The focus of this investigation was to break up support organizations that are critically important in moving narcotics into the United States", he said.

Mr Chellino said the two originally met Mr Smith, who told them he would need money to pay off other Turks and Caicos officials to ensure the success of their smuggling operation.



Mr Smith then arranged for them to meet Mr Saunders, who told the informant he would take care of all difficulties with government officials.

In subsequent meetings and telephone calls between the agents and Mr Saunders, Mr Smith and Mr Misick, the agents arranged pay-offs to the three officials and others. They also arranged to receive cocaine from Mr Fournier.

According to the statement, Mr Saunders was paid $30,000 to make sure the smugglers could refuel on the islands without interference.

The three Turks and Caicos officials were in Miami on personal business and were not covered by diplomatic immunity, Mr Chellino said. He said the DEA kept the British Government informed throughout the investigation and received co-operation from Turks and Caicos police.

The Turks and Caicos is a British dependency with about 8,500 inhabitants scattered on eight islands about 575 miles south-east of Miami.

Mr Saunders, of the Progressive National Party, has been Chief Minister since 1980

Norwegian spy trial in secret session

Oslo (Reuter) – The trial of Arne Treholt, who denies spying for the Soviet Union for nine years, went into secret session after the court said disclosure of testimony by some witnesses could harm a nation's security.

Some 21 witnesses, including two FBI agents, will give evidence in a special sound-proofed room over the next two weeks.

Lawyers for Mr Treholt, a former senior Norwegian diplomat and junior minister accused of spying for the KGB, argued against barring the public on the ground that the evidence could not damage Norwegian security.

But Judge Astrid Rynning supported prosecution arguments that details of talks between another senior Norwegian diplomat, Mr Johan Holst and US officials could damage what was termed another country's national security.

Former envoy fined in Harare

Harare – Robert Zvinoira, Zimbabwe's former High Commissioner in London, has been fined £560 for importing a new Mercedes, two colour television sets and radio equipment and lending them to an associate in contravention of customs laws.

Mr Zvinoira had to give up his posting after a parliamentary watchdog body in 1982 found him responsible for lavish spending on a residence in London worth £140,000.

Barber donates his Picassos

Madrid – Spain now has a second Picasso museum with the formal opening of a collection of some 50 works donated by the painter's barber to his native town, Buitrago, about 50 miles north of Madrid.

Señor Eugenio Arias has given a shaving mug decorated by the painter, some of his lithographs and drawings, dedicated books, posters of Picasso exhibitions and other souvenirs.

Lightning toll

Harare (Reuter) Fifteen people were killed by lightning in different parts of Zimbabwe on Sunday, the worst day of a rainy season in which a record 132 people died from lightning. All Sunday's victims were sleeping when their huts were struck.

White walkout

Johannesburg (AFP) – About a third of the white audience walked out of the controversial Strindberg play *Miss Julie* during a seduction scene involving a black actor and a white actress. The producer said it was probably part of a well-planned campaign.

Screen delay

Madrid – Spain is a long way behind the rest of Europe in seeing *Amadeus* Milos Forman's film about Mozart, because the leading Madrid cinema chosen for the national premiere was closed by the city council as dangerous.

Socialist wins

Burlington, Vermont (AP) – Mr Bernard Sanders, aged 43, America's only Socialist mayor, easily defeated six other candidates to win re-election to a third two-year term as head of the municipal government here.

Tourists robbed

Moscow (AP) – A woman from the Ukrainian town of Lvov has been sentenced to nine years in jail for stealing goods from tourists and reselling them for more than £100,000 on the black market.

Unesco hint

Ottawa – Canada may be next to pull out of Unesco, a government spokesman hinted. The US has already left and Britain has given notice of intention to leave.

Statue damaged

Beauraing (Reuter) – Anarchists protesting at the Pope's planned visit to Belgium have sawn off the hands of a Virgin Mary statue which draws an annual pilgrimage here.

Strike resumes

Reykjavik (Reuter) – Iceland's 5,000 fishermen resumed a strike which has paralysed the country's vital fishing industry. They rejected an offer of 30 per cent more pay.

Killer executed

Starke, Florida (Reuter) – John Paul Witt, aged 41, was executed in the electric chair for the 1973 murder of an 11-year-old boy.

Visit off again

Marrakesh (AFP) – King Hassan of Morocco has put off a visit to the disputed Western Sahara for the second time

Shoes offend

Cairo (Reuter) – Egyptian police raided shoe shops and confiscated thousands of Chinese-made shoes branded as blasphemous by religious leaders because of the word "Allah" inscribed on the soles or heels. They will all be burnt.

Genscher bustles into Poland

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

West Germany's Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, trying to cram six months of *Ostpolitik* into a week of jet-diplomacy, touched down in Warsaw yesterday for talks with General Jaruzelski and other members of the Polish leadership.

Herr Genscher, who was on his way to Sofia, was on an eight-hour "working visit" to prepare the ground for his own "official visit" in the autumn, an unconventional arrangement that reflects some of the confusion and propaganda clamour that is dogging relations between Bonn and Warsaw.

On Sunday night, Herr Genscher travelled to Moscow, then linked up with the state visit to Finland of President Richard von Weizäcker. Today he intends to hold talks with President Zhivkov of Bulgaria. It is, said one Western diplomat in Warsaw, the diplomacy of the transit lounge.

Herr Genscher had intended to be the first Western alliance foreign minister to visit Poland after the release of political prisoners paved the way for gradual rehabilitation of the Jaruzelski Government.

But the clatter of criticism about Bonn's tolerance towards West German "revanchists" and the pressure to make a dramatic gesture on human rights – perhaps by laying a wreath at the grave of Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest murdered by secret agents – sabotaged the plans.

At the last minute, protesting that the Poles were denying a visa to a West German reporter and making it impossible to pay tribute to a dead German soldier, Herr Genscher cancelled the November visit.

On the present visit Herr Genscher is expected to raise the issue of family reunification. In the West German view, the Polish authorities have severely restricted the number of ethnic Germans leaving Poland since 1982. In the Polish view, most of those applying to leave are doing so for economic reasons rather than to rejoin their families. "We have no agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany providing for the export of our labour force," said Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman.

West German sources said Herr Genscher's visit was to underline Bonn's eagerness that the Soviet Union and the US go full speed ahead for an arms control agreement at next week's talks in Geneva, and above all to demonstrate that Bonn had not been paralysed as a political force by the Soviet-bloc campaign to revile its "revanchists".

The Polish press, which has been attacking almost daily the activities of Silesian exile groups in West Germany, has subtly, and probably temporarily, changed its tone this week, underlining that the Silesians and other "revanchists" are isolated from Bonn.

Michelin gives 19 top ratings

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Nineteen restaurants, including four in Paris, have been awarded the coveted three-star designation in the 1985 *Guide Michelin* for France, due to be published next Wednesday.

L'Auberge du Père Bise once again finds itself among France's top restaurants, having temporarily lost its third star in 1983. Otherwise, the list of three-star restaurants is the same as last year.

The four in Paris are: Tour d'Argent; Archestrate; Taillevent; and Jamin.

Outside Paris those achieving the top distinction are: Oustan de Baumanière in Les Baux de Provence, Bouches-de-Rhône; Lameloise in Chagny, Sâone-et-Loire; Les Prés d'Eugénie in Eugenie les Bains, Les Landes; Auberge de l'Ill, in Illhaeusen, Haut-Rhin; Paul Bocuse, in Lyons; Alain Chapel, in Mionnay, Ain; Moulin de Mougine, in Mougins, Alpes-Maritimes; L'Oasis, in La Napoule, Alpes-Maritimes; Boyer, in Reims; Troisgros, in Roanne, Loire; Pic, in Valence, Drôme; Espérence, in Vézélay, Yonne; Pyramide in Isère; and La Mère Blanc, in Vonnas, Ain.

At the other end of the scale, the guide recommends 2,640 restaurnts where a reasonable meal can be had for less than 55 francs (£5).

Husain sees a last chance for peace

Hurghada, Egypt (AFP) – King Husain of Jordan said yesterday he had accepted an Egyptian proposal to open talks in Washington between the United States and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as a first step to relaunch the peace process in the Middle East.

Speaking after talks lasting 45 minutes here with President Mubarak of Egypt, who is due to leave tomorrow for a visit to Washington. The King denied that any amendments had been introduced to the Jordanian-Palestinian accord signed in Amman last month.

Responding to a Palestine Liberation Organization statement on Tuesday that Jordan had approved amendments to the accord, King Husain said it was a question of "interpreting certain clauses of the accord, without introducing any essential changes."

The talks were the fourth between the two leaders since their countries resumed diplomatic relations last September.

King husain flew in to this Red Sea resort 300 miles southeast of Cairo at the controls of his royal Boeing 727, accompanied by his Prime Minister, Mr Ahmed Obeidat, and Foreign Minister, Mr Taher Masri.

He said: "The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and Jordan does not intend to act as a substitute."

It would be premature, he said, to give details about the make-up of the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation that will go to Washington, if the US Administration accepts the idea.

President Mubarak said he and President Reagan will discuss "the steps to take to arrive at a successful conclusion" to his peace proposal.

In reply to a question, he said: "I did not say that the Palestinians in the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will not be PLO. I said that the PLO is everywhere, on the West Bank and in Gaza, in all the countries where there are Palestinians. The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."



King Husain: Wants talks to proceed

UN pleads for end to Gulf attacks

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

Appeals for a halt in firing against civilian targets in the Gulf were made by the United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Javier Perez de Cuéllar, and the UN Security Council president, after Iranian forces shelled the Iraqi border city of Basra in retaliation against Iraqi air raids.

The Secretary-General, called on both governments to exercise restraint and honour undertakings not to attack civilian targets given last June. His message was echoed by Mr Blaise Rabetafika, the representative from Madagascar and president of the council during March.

The resumption of attacks has momentarily cast a shadow over UN efforts to find a mechanism for Prisoner of War exchange between Iran and Iraq. Seeking the repatriation of all prisoners, Iraq has begun circulating a working paper, the prelude to a resolution calling for a frmula that would facilitate an exchange.

Mr Said Rajaie-Khorassani, the Iranian representative, said his government was willing to repatriate ill and invalid Iraqi PoWs, all prisoners under the age of 16 and those who had been held longest in captivity. He said that he would welcome the good offices of Señor Pérez de Cuéllar in this respect.

Meanwhile, the Secretary-General expressed the belief that a halt in firing against civilian targets in the Gulf could still be salvaged. Since a limited cease-fire went into effect the four and a half year-old Gulf war has been fought largely on the waterways, with Iraq attacking foreign tankers approaching or departing from Kharg Island, Iran's main oil port.

Libya faces claim for Fletcher damages

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain has been told that "time is running out" for Libyan dissidents living in this country. This year is the year in which the so-called "stray dogs" must be dealt with, according to Libyan Government officials.

Security authorities here are believed to have been alerted after the warning was passed to British diplomats at this week's meeting between officials of the two countries in Rome. Although it is not the first time that such threats have been made, British sources say that it has to be taken seriously.

Meanwhile, the British diplomats in Rome gave notice of a forthcoming claim for damages in connection with the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan People's Bureau in St James Square a year ago.

The claim, which is expected to be in the order of six figures and will be on behalf of her family, could be made within a month, although the Libyan Government is refusing to accept responsibility for the policewoman's death.

The seven-man Libyan team attending the Rome meeting, which was led by Mr Saeed Hafiana, a relative by marriage of Colonel Gadaffi, reassured the British officials about the safety of the British community in Libya. His Government has no quarrel with them, the team said.

The Libyan team promised to try to arrange better consular access for two British prisoners still in jail in the country or for any other British expatriates who might be arrested in the future.

In return, Britain is trying to arrange visas for nine relatives to visit Libyan prisoners recently jailed in Britain, some of them in connection with bomb outrages in Britain last year.

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special representative, who helped to secure the release of the four British hostages from Tripoli last month, has promised that the Church of England will look after the Libyans when they arrive.

But there is no suggestion that Britain will release those in prison, nor did the Libyans press very strongly for this. Mr Hafiana and his team seemed most concerned by travel restrictions and other restraints placed on Libyan students in this country.

Nor is there any likelihood Britain will open its door more widely to Libyans wishing to come here, apart from those with genuine medical, or other compassionate reasons.

The Rome meeting, the first direct contact between the two governments since diplomatic relations were broken off nearly a year ago, took place in a "workmanlike" atmosphere, according to sources, despite occasional bursts of rhetoric from the Libyan team.

Hungarian leader to visit Britain

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Hungarian leader, Mr Janos Kadar, is expected to visit Britain in October.

Possible dates were discussed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Peter Varkonyi, Hungary's Foreign Minister, yesterday and could be decided at a meeting between Mr Varkonyi and Mrs Thatcher today.

The Foreign Office is still awaiting a reply from Moscow to its invitation to Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister to pay his first visit to London in nine year, in May. The arrival of Mr Kadar five months later would be a powerful boost to the Government's policy of broadening the dialogue between East and West.

Mr Varkonyi who is on a three-day visit to Britain, said that bilateral relations were much improved despite the discouraging international scene. The discussions were Sir Geoffrey Howe's first direct contact with a senior Hungarian minister since he was in Budapest two years ago.

Murder riddle

Paris (AFP) – Police are baffled by the murders of four Cambodians shot in the head in a 24th-floor apartment in Chinatown. They were speculating about possible links with heroin trafficking.

French to meet Arafat

Paris – M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, is expected to meet Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, during a 24-hour visit to Tunisia today (Diana Geddes writes). The last meeting between Mr Arafat and a French Foreign Minister was six months ago, when M Claude Cheysson was still at the Quai d'Orsay. President Mitterrand has himself always declined to meet the PLO leader. Commenting last month on the recent Jordanian-Palestinian agreement, Mr Dumas said that France considered it "an important step, which it hopes will help re-establish peace and a peaceful settlement".

Worries over long-term safety grow in America

Geologist criticizes site for nuclear waste dump

By a Correspondent

American plans to bury highly radioactive nuclear waste are going ahead amid a fresh controversy over safety.

Public hearings began last month and continue until March 20 into US Department of Energy plans to choose from a shortlist of three the site for the nation's first underground nuclear waste dump.

The dump is intended for spent fuel from nuclear power stations and high-level solidified radioactive waste resulting from America's nuclear weapons manufacture.

But concern over safety has been heightened by the recent release of a senior geologist's report highly critical of the site many people consider is most likely to be chosen for the dump. This is at Hanford in the State of Washington, where the Government has had a nuclear weapons centre for 40 years.

Dr Donald E White, a senior geologist with the US Geological Survey, a federal organisation, and a winner last year of his profession's highest honour, the Penrose Medal of the Geological Society of America, condemns the Hanford site as unsuitable.

His study concludes that the rock is likely to crack and cause the underground dump to collapse and that unusually high underground temperatures might also lead to radioactive contamination of drinking water.

The report has provoked fresh controversy, not least because it was omitted from the study used by the Department of Energy to draw up the shortlist of three potential sites for the waste dump.

The study was prepared for the Department by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, whose head has said that although Dr White's views were omitted, nothing was being suppressed.

Dr White's report was published by the Health and Energy Institute, a non-profit making group in Washington, DC, which wants the Government to abandon Hanford as a potential nuclear dumping site.

The Department of Energy says the Hanford site and the two others on its shortlist are acceptable. "We don't profess that any site is perfect, but all three are acceptable", said Mr Roger Gale of the Department's Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Office.

The Government is committed to opening the country's first underground waste dump by 1998. A list of nine possible locations has been reduced to the shortlist of three.

The list includes another on government-owned land at Yucca Mountain, the Nevada bomb test range and a third on privately-owned farmland in Deaf Smith Country, Texas. The authorities are expecting demonstrations against the proposals during the public hearings, but the Department plans to recommend a go-ahead for in-depth investigation by August, leading to a final decision by President Reagan in 1991. The decision can then be overturned only by a veto passed by both Houses of Congress.

The Government wants 2,000 acres for the dump. Plans are to build an underground cavern at least 1,000 feet below the surface. Shafts will be sunk through the ground for hoists which will lower the nuclear waste into the cavern. Inside there will be cavities into which canisters holding radioactive material will be loaded.

The nuclear industry wants the dump built without delay. Utility companies which run power stations claim they are running out of storage space to hold the highly radioactive fuel rods from power stations. Rods are removed regularly after burning in reactors and are stored in ponds alongside the power stations. The rods, containing plutonium and uranium, are thermally exceedingly hot and will remain radioactive for thousands of years.

Nuclear power plants are supposed to keep enough vacant space in their pools to accommodate the core of a reactor to prevent a meltdown in an emergency. The Government has offered to help out beleaguered companies by providing temporary limited storage in ponds at military nuclear sites.

But such measures are recognized by the nuclear industry as stop-gap relief. The industry is aware that its future is at stake unless a solution is found to its mounting nuclear waste problem.

Hawke links his political future with Anzus pact

Sydney (Reuter) – The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, has made it clear amid the conflict over the Anzus treaty that his own political future rests on continued close military ties with the United States.

He said in a television interview on Tuesday that what he called the effective mothballing of the three-way Anzus pact with New Zealand would not be allowed to affect Canberra's relations with Washington. He would not want to be Prime Minister if the central elements of the alliance with Washington, which included port access for nuclear ships and joint bases here, were repudiated.

"Now those things to me are central and I won't be a Prime Minister of this country where those issues of central and continuing importance to our security are at risk.".

● KUALA LUMPUR: The US Assistant Secretary of State for Asia and Pacific Affairs, Mr Paul Wolfowitz, denied the US and Australia planned a defence treaty excluding New Zealand (Reuter reports).

The US believed Anzus was still a sound framework for security co-operation.But New Zealand had not behaved like an ally.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Two Kims promise to join forces as Chun eases ban on dissidents

From David Watts, Tokyo

The two Kims greeted each other on a Seoul street yesterday only minutes after the Government abolished its political blacklist to open a new era in South Korean politics.

A crowd gathered soon after police were withdrawn from round Mr Kim Dae Jung's house as his erstwhile rival for the presidency, Mr Kim Young Sam, arrived to celebrate his own new political freedom. Mr Kim Dae Jung's position, however, remains less clear, despite the ending of his *de facto* house arrest.

Mr Kim Dae Jung is not on the list of 14 who have had their civil rights restored, four years earlier than the Government originally intended. His 20-year sentence for sedition has merely been suspended and he will not be allowed to participate in the activities of any political party, though the Government can scarcely prevent him discussing politics.

At their emotional reunion, the first time they had met since Mr Kim Dae Jung was arrested by soldiers on May 16, 1980, the two men set the stage for a unified Opposition, which was heralded by the stunning success of the New Korea Democratic Party in last month's general elections.

A spokesman for the party said neither Kim would work directly for it, "but they will support the party and democratic groups".

Together the two Kims could be a formidable force in South Korean politics. Many think their rivalry for the presidency in 1980 allowed General Chun Doo Hwan to take advantage of the instability and seize power.

Both told *The Times* yesterday they were now ready to work together for democracy. "Newspapers say that we are rivals", Mr Kim Young Sam said, "but we are not really. For the sake of democracy, we must and will work together."

He said they discussed co-operation at yesterday's meeting, but his namesake said discussions on co-operation would come later, in two or three days.

The present situation gives Mr Kim Young Sam a clear advantage in any competition between the two to succeed President Chun if he sticks to his commitment to step down in 1988.

Mr Kim Young Sam will be free to travel and organize, while Mr Kim Dae Jung must remain essentially a figurehead for the moment. And that, Mr Kim Young Sam maintains, was the Government's strategy in lifting the remaining political bans. "It's aimed at splitting the two Kims. But the Government was also forced to lift the bans by the people's power shown in the success of the New Korea Democratic Party."

Mr Kim Young Sam said the two men would co-operate as co-chairman of the Council for the Promotion of Democracy, from which the NKDP sprang. "I have no plan to have any position in the party," Mr Kim Young Sam said. "Anyway, this is not to gain political power or to gain an advantage for the party, it's to save the country. We want to make it a public movement."

Moving to lift the last of the 567 bans introduced in 1980 to "purify" the country of such people as the former Prime Minister, Mr Kim Jong Pil, now in the United States, and the former head of the old Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Mr Lee Hu Rak, President Chun appears to be bowing to political reality and seeking to demonstrate the stability of South Korea before he visits the US next month. It will also take the steam out of any possible protests when students return soon to their campuses.

"He's now expressed his willingness to respect the will of the people. But this is the least measure he could take to achieve that," Mr Kim Dae Jung said.

Mr Kim Young Sam said: "President Chun did not get that position with the support of the people, so the public do not think that he is 'our' president or that the Government is 'our' government. To avoid that situation again the constitution must be changed or else there will be no peaceful way to select the President."



Clearing up: Salvage work in Melipilla after the earthquake.

Clamp on profiteers as quake toll rises

Santiago (Reuter) – The death toll from Chile's worst earthquake in 15 years climbed above 143 yesterday and the Government threatened tough action against people trying to profit from food shortages.

"Speculation and hoarding of food in the affected zones have been detected," the Government Secretary, General Francisco Caudra, told reporters. "We will apply a rigorous policy against it."

He said 1,900 people had been injured and 160,000 left homeless.

President Augusta Pinochet declared disaster zones in Santiago, the coastal region of Valparaiso and Rancagua region south of the capital.

The worst destruction was in Valparaiso and the nearby port of San Antonio, one of Chile's most important, where most buildings lay in ruins.

Officials in San Antonio, which ships most of Chile's copper exports, said it could take up to 20 years to repair the port. Tonnes of fruit and copper bars for export lay scattered across wharves yesterday.

General Caudra said about 200 schools had been damaged and road and rail services were still disrupted. The armed forces were erecting temporary bridges on important arteries.

Aircraft carrying emergency aid began arriving yesterday from neighbouring Argentina and Peru, while help has also been offered by Japan, the United States, Uruguay, Israel and the Organization of American States.

Jewish body rebuts Soviet claim that bank lent to Hitler

By Our Foreign Staff

A Soviet allegation that a Jewish-owned banking house lent money to Hitler, four years before he came to power, has provoked a detailed refutation by the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs.

Tass published an interview on January 18 this year with the Soviet historian, Lev Korneyev, in which he said that the Amsterdam banking house of Mendelssohn & Co provided Hitler with $10,000 in 1929. He used this as an example of Zionist collaboration with fascism and revanchism which, he said, continues to this day. A report on this allegation was published in *The Times* of January 19.

Research carried out by the IJA, an arm of the World Jewish Congress, demonstrates that this accusation was lifted by Korneyev from an old and long-discredited forgery.

The story first appeared in Holland in 1933, in a pamphlet published in Amsterdam under the title *De Geldbronnen van het Nationaal-Socialisme: Drie Gesprekken met Hitler* (The Financial Sources of National Socialism: Three Conversations with Hitler). The author was named as Sidney Warburg, described as a partner in the American banking house of Warburg & Co; the Dutch translation was by one J. G. Schoup.

According to the pamphlet Sidney Warburg met Hitler in July 1929 and offered him the financial support of US bankers. His $10,000 contribution was to be channelled through Mendelssohn & Co in Amsterdam.

The Dutch publishers quickly withdrew the pamphlet from circulation when the Amsterdam firm of Warburg & Co pointed out that there was no US banking house of that name, and no Sidney Warburg.

The IJA says that Schoup, invented the whole thing.

Despite the prompt debunking of the story it proved remarkably durable, and reappeared in various guises over the years. The latest, before Korneyev, was *Springer's Nazionism*, published in Geneva in 1978, in which the Swiss writer René Sonderegger brought the tale up to date by accusing the German publisher Axel Springer of Zionist sympathies.


Axel Springer: Accused of Zionist sympathies.

Political mood changing in France

Socialists glimpse a silver lining

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The Socialists are entering next Sunday's local cantonal elections knowing that they are in for another drubbing but in better heart than they have been for a long time.

There are signs of a fragile but distinctive shift of mood among them – what M Lionel Jospin, First Secretary of the Socialist party, calls a *Fremissement*. The dark cloud of defeatism and depression seems to be lifting.

Except for the rise in unemployment and a worryingly high foreign debt, the Government's economic policies are beginning to show encouraging results. Inflation is coming down; good progress continues in reducing the trade deficit; investment has risen; wage increases are being kept down without provoking significant industrial unrest and industrial production is increasing.

On the foreign front, the two great headaches for the Government, as far as public opinion was concerned, have been removed. French soldiers are out of Chad and Beirut. New Caledonia, however, is a threatening cloud on the horizon.

At home, all is fairly quiet. The Socialists have taken no provocative sectarian initiatives for a long time. Many are beginning to wonder whether they still have a Socialist Government, particularly when M Jean-Pierre Chévènement, former leading light of the Socialist Party's left-wing and now Education Minister, is advocating policies dear to the right's back to basics, firm discipline and élitism in schools.

Last summer's two explosive issues – reform of private schools and the Government's press monopolies Bill – are dead and the Opposition has as yet found no other suitable battering ram with which to bludgeon the Government, though it tried with New Caledonia.

The Opposition itself is in a mess. It seems incapable of being organized on any issue, whether it be its attitude toward the National Front, proportional representation, the desirability of "cohabitation" between a right-wing Government and a left-wing President after the 1986 parliamentary elections or even the speed with which the two principal parties should conclude a common electoral programme. In-fighting between the three main opposition leaders continues more ferociously than ever.

Recent opinion polls show strangely contradictory findings. While 70 per cent of people are unhappy about the way France is being governed, only 22 per cent believe the Opposition would do any better.

Only a third approve of the Government's economic policies, yet a majority feel the Government should continue its economic rigour, even if that means accepting a drop in living standards.

The polls indicate that the sharp decline in the popularity ratings of President Mitterrand and his Government may be bottoming out. Sofrès, one of the most reliable polling institutions, found that public confidence in M Mitterrand's ability to tackle problems facing France fell from 74 per cent immediately after his election to 36 per cent last December but is now 41 per cent.

M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, has been stealing the show. His confidence rating has risen five points to 55 per cent :

Separatists try again in Quebec

From John Best
Ottawa

A new political movement, the Rassemblement Démocratique pour l'Indépendence (RDI), is being formed in Quebec, dedicated to the province's separation from Canada.

Former members of the ruling Parti Québécois (PQ) who broke away over its decision two months ago to abandon the goal of Quebec independence, are taking part.

Dr Camille Laurin, aged 62, a former PQ Cabinet minister who led the revolt and is interim leader of the new movement, told a press conference in Montreal: "We have to maintain independence as a political goal."

Dr Laurin said the first goal is to provide a political home for all those who think that sovereignty is "important or essential" for predominantly French-speaking Quebec.

Pan Am threatens pilots

New York (AP) – Pan Am has told more than 2,000 pilots and flight attendants to cross picket lines set up by striking ground crews or risk losing their job.

Most of the airline's 19,000 hourly-paid workers have honoured picket lines during the week-old strike by members of the Transport Workers Union protesting over the airline company's refusal to restore a 14 per cent pay rise agreed in 1982. Pan Am has offered a 20 per cent increase over three years.

More than half the strikers – mechanics, baggage handlers and flight dispatchers – have been laid off and 800 food workers had their jobs abolished when Pan Am sold its kitchens

The airline, which had a net operating loss of more than $200 million last year, has cancelled 165 domestic flights

Swoop nets one guerrilla

Harare – The massive security cordon that paralysed the city of Bulawayo over the weekend netted a suspected guerrilla, a rifle, three pistols and 67 rounds of ammunition, according to an official statement issued here (Jan Raath writes).

The operation that began before dawn on Saturday and went on for about 36 hours involved hundreds of soldiers and police. The statement, issued late yesterday, said that a total of 1,282 people had been arrested as a result of the house-to-house searches. Of these 139 were still being held, including the lone guerrilla and eight common criminals.

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The man who caught history in the making

The Times Profile: Bert Hardy

Bert Hardy was the only British photographer with the Americans when, a little before dusk on the evening of September 14, 1950, they fought their way ashore at Inchon in Korea.

Beneath a sombre sky the landing craft lumbered toward what they thought was the beach. Out at sea to their rear the American ships put up a barrage of artillery fire.

Hardy knew that he had about 10 minutes to get his pictures. The light was fading fast and the air was full of rocket and mortar shells.

The beach proved not to be a beach at all but a high sea-wall which those in the launches were reluctant to scale. Hardy, wearing a tin hat, the only time he did so during his coverage of eight wars leapt on to the wall and started taking pictures.

"It was very much a case of now or never as far as taking pictures was concerned", he told me when I talked to him about his new book and two exhibitions of his photographs opening next week in London and Bradford.

Hardy's action was not bravado but a finely tuned sense of professionalism. The late James Cameron, who was with Hardy at Inchon, wrote: "One of my enduring memories of that strange occasion is of Bert Hardy on the sea wall of Blue Beach blaspheming among the impossible din, and timing his exposures to the momentary flash of the rockets".

Today Bert Hardy is a staid 72-year-old and lives in a small farm in Surrey on the lip of a hill which commands unrivalled views over rural countryside. It is 20 years since he hung up his camera and retired to farming, a subject about which he knew nothing at the time. "We found the farm quite by chance and had to buy it very quickly. Suddenly I owned cows and pigs and sheep without any idea of how to look after them."

Chance played an equally propitious part when 58 years ago Hardy's aunt told him that the Central Photo Service off the Strand in London had a vacancy for a messenger. He was 14 at the time and living with six brothers and sisters in two rooms just south of Blackfriars Bridge.



His job with CPS was to collect films for processing from customers who mainly lived in the West End, but it was enough to instil an interest in photography. He had also heard a rumour that Fleet Street photographers earned as much as £5 a week.

"I bought an old glass plate camera from a pawn shop opposite the Old Vic for ten bob and started taking pictures. I hadn't a clue at the time of what I was doing and have always been totally self-taught."

Hardy's use of a bicycle while on his delivery rounds led to a passionate interest in cycling. Indeed his first published pictures were of cyclists locked into the agony of time trials and were used in the magazine, *Bicycle*. George Moore, its chief photographer, introduced Hardy to the Leica, the miniature camera with the fast lens.

"I couldn't believe the results Moore was getting from his Leica. I immediately began to save and eventually bought a second-hand model. From that day I've never looked back."

Hardy's major successes went hand-in-hand with the fortunes of the illustrated magazine, *Picture Post*.

In 1940 he shot his first assignment for the magazine, a documentary on life in an air raid shelter. Within months Hardy became the mainstay of the magazine.

He was the first photographer to receive a credit in its pages when, in February 1941, the magazine, under the now celebrated photographs of London firemen fighting blitz fires, ran the words: "From our rule of anonymity we except these pictures. They were taken by A. Hardy, one of our own cameramen."

The Second World War was to be the first of Hardy's wars. He was a sergeant in the Army Film and Photographic Unit and during his time photographed General Miles Dempsey crossing the Rhine, where the unit was mortared for its trouble; rode into Paris at the liberation in an army jeep with a borrowed Union Jack draped across its bonnet; and was with de Gaulle when the latter walked victorious and confident along the Champs-Elysées.

Korea was the high point of Hardy's war coverage. It was also to spell the beginning of the end for *Picture Post*. But Hardy's lasting contribution to British photography lies beyond his war coverage, with the gentler stories of ordinary people of Britain.

When the end finally came for *Picture Post* in 1957 Hardy stepped straight into advertising bringing to the medium the 5mm camera and immediately creating the campaign for Strand cigarettes "You're never alone with a Strand", screamed from poster sites all over the country. In his final year with the magazine Hardy was the highest paid photographer in Fleet Street earning £3,000 a year. His first year in advertising brought him £25,000.

A retrospective exhibition of Hardy's photographs can be seen at the Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, London, from March 15. A selection of his work for the magazine, *Picture Post* will be on show at the National Museum of Photography, Princes' View, Bradford, from March 26.

Michael Young

Bert Hardy: My Life, *published on March 14 by Gordon Fraser, price £14.95 hardback, £9.95 paperback.*







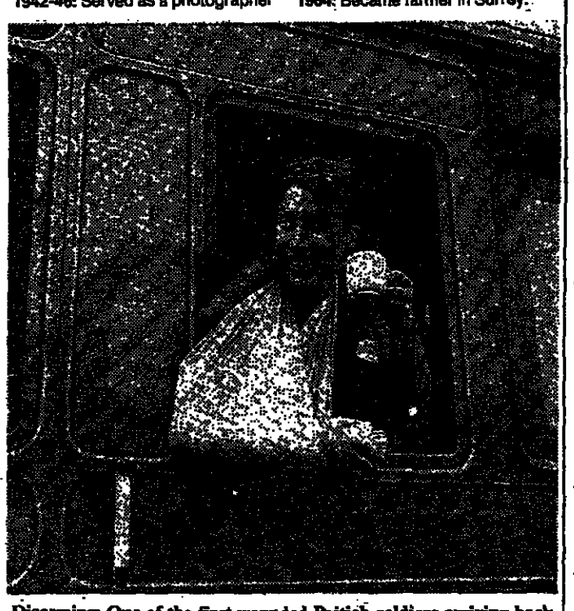
Political image: Hardy and James Cameron stumbled on this group of North Korean prisoners held by the Americans in 1950 (above), but Tom Hopkinson, editor of Picture Post, was twice prevented from publishing the pictures by the proprietor, Edward Hulton. Hopkinson, who proposed the layout (left), was eventually sacked

BIOGRAPHY

1913: Born: May 19
1918-27: Educated; Friar Street Elementary School, London, self-taught in photography.
1927-36: Worked as messenger and laboratory assistant, Central Photo Service, London.
1936-39: Photographer, General Photographic Agency, London.
1939-40: Founder of Criterion Press Photo Agency, London.
1942-46: Served as a photographer in the British Army Film and Photographic Unit.
1941-57: Staff photographer with Picture Post.
Awards: Recipient of Encyclopaedia Britannica Awards; 1948 First Prize Picture Sequence 'The Gorbals'. 1950 First Prize Picture Sequence 'Inchon Landings'. 1952 First Prize Picture Sequence 'Piccadilly'.
1960: Founder with Gerry Grove of Grove Hardy, photographic processors, London
1964: Became farmer in Surrey.



Enduring quality: Immigrants to Liverpool (Picture Post, 1949). With such pictures Hardy captured the mood of postwar Britain



Disarming: One of the first wounded British soldiers arriving back in London after the Normandy invasion (1944)

Brownie beauties: Two showgirls snapped on the pier at Blackpool. 'It's the cameraman not the camera that wins the prize', Hardy wrote in Picture Post in 1951; the editor took him at his word and sent him off with a Box Brownie. 'The girls sat on the railings and the wind lifted their skirts. This picture proved to be one of my most popular', said the master of his craft

Hot ideas from the think tank

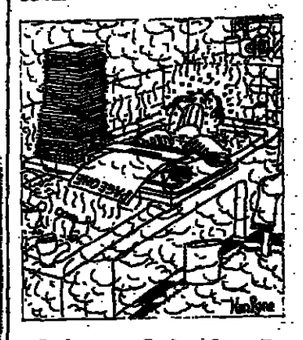
It could be the hothouse air or the effects of treating the human brain as a steamed pudding, but the best place for bright ideas is a hot bath. There are few more creative occasions than those spent stretched beneath an overlap of near-scalding water with open season declared on the mind. Warmth filters into the brain like good compost into indifferent soil. The temperature rises and the walls disappear behind a veil of steam from which ideas condense.

Sometimes they veritably pour from the tap. When Archimedes, who knew a lot about what happens when bodies climb into baths, screamed "Eureka!", it was not entirely because he had been struck by a theorem. It was because thought-provoking water the temperature of molten steel had touched his toes.

My wife despairs. When other husbands leave pinstriped for the office to dictate to their secretaries or engage in meaningful conferences where ideas are plucked from the communal pool and polished by discussion, I slink off to the bathroom to emerge an hour or more later radiant with notions.

The system does not allow for much communal thought with anyone but closest friends, save through the keyhole. For a working journalist to whom good ideas are seed corn, this has grave disadvantages when covering, for example, the miner's strike. The news-bound who tows behind him a wheeled bath, boiler and neat pile of logs is bound to be oddly regarded, although I do remember having a bright idea in the pithead shower at Bilston Glen colliery after I had been crawling along its coal face.

Sadly, the idea disappeared with a swirk of grime down the plug hole, unrecollectable. There lies the greatest danger for anyone cursed with having his brightest notions when lying naked and horizontal among the seething vapours of a hot bath. When you have them, note them down.



I lost a flock of really cracking ideas in that way before I realized what was happening. I over-reacted. Whenever one coyly appeared on the fringes of thought I would grab it by the horns and pin it down, meanwhile leaping from the bath to search frantically for the means to write it down.

Once, when both hands were scrambling among the contents of two high shelves on each side of the window, trying to locate an elusive pencil, I realized that in my preoccupation with pinning down an idea, which was already struggling to be free, I was standing there stark naked; a boiled lobster in human form with the steam of the pot still rising from it.

Worse still, my eyes met those of a matronly secretary in the office opposite. Her glasses fell from her gaze to the full extent of their retaining cord. She was returning them to her nose as I dived for cover.

After that I kept a notepad beside the bath, but the ink ran and after a couple of hours the paper had turned to pulp. The ideal, or course, would be to mount a word processor across the thing that normally holds the soap and loofah, but I am told that no such machine is available that can operate in a bath without electrocuting the bather.

But what, I hear you ask, are these bright ideas that suddenly surface in the marvellous, provoking grip of a hot bath? Well, this is one of them. On my slate, slightly smudged by a wet footprint, is scribbled "Think Tank".

Ronald Faux

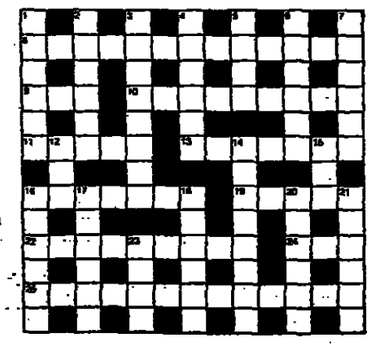
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The scholar at the Swan Beauty and Nutcracker

John Percival

TCHAIKOVSKY'S BALLETS
By Roland John Wiley
Oxford, £28.50

Professor Wiley's book, as its price demonstrates, is not intended for the vast popular audience that flocks to see *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker*. But the people to whom it is useful will wonder how they managed without it. Who are they? Well, after this nobody should try to produce any of those three classics without consulting Wiley: critics and hard-core balletomanes will manage to appear more erudite; and the growing number of colleges that offer degrees in dance will have to lay in a dozen copies apiece.

The author is an American scholar, associate professor of music at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and absolutely besotted with his subject to the point of obsession. Good: we can rely on him to take infinite pains in research.

What he does is to describe, in great detail, how each of those works was conceived, composed and first produced (and, for *Swan Lake*, the crucial revisions made for the new version by Petipa and Ivanov). The published scenarios and Petipa's notes are reproduced; and additions, comments, cuts and changes in the St Petersburg performance scores are set out in full; the stage action is described in detail; contemporary reactions are noted and discussed.

Perhaps he puts slightly too much faith in descriptions of choreography given in reviews: any practising critic must be uncomfortably aware of how easily errors can creep in. And Wiley himself blows the gaff on the limitations of the famous choreographic notations brought out of Russia by Nicholas Sergeyev. The Bluebird in *Beauty* for instance is described on entering as simply "making movements with his arms". Not much help, that. However, accumulating evidence from different sources allows a fair impression of the ballets to emerge.

Wiley's judgements are inevitably more questionable than his knowledge: see for instance his exegesis of the dance of the little swans as outstanding for artistry and theatrical sense. And his view is blinkered, too exclusively Russian (is that why he spells Saint-Leon's name oddly?). Incredibly, there is not a single word of comparison with Delibes, whose ballet music Tchaikovsky much admired. But within the context of Russian music Wiley sees and demonstrates clearly how Tchaikovsky made ballet composition "a fit subject" for serious musicians, taking the art from Minkus and handing it to Stravinsky.

The photographs are few, but the musical examples copious. An indispensible book – for a few of us.

Does he make you laugh? He doesn't make me laugh very much, although I should like to have been present at the New York dinner party when Chaplin acted with Madam Maurice Maeterlinck. "We played a burlesque on the great dying scene of Camille. But we gave it a touch that Dumas overlooked. When she coughed, I got the disease immediately, and was soon taken with convulsions and died instead of Camille." This is all very well, but the trouble I used to find with Chaplin as a child, as with slapstick in general, was the amount of anxiety it generated. I would take the situations far too seriously. I did not enjoy seeing so many people being beaten up.

This attitude would probably once have been called neuraesthenic, but I bet it is commoner than is generaly allowed. If you found an honest clown (if such a thing were possible), you could ask him how many times a day a child will look into his painted face and burst into tears. And parents at the circus may be familiar with those little crises of the waterworks that demand that their youngest be allowed a break in the entertainment. This century has popularized the idea that whenever clowns are off stage their eyes brim with tears and they drape themselves around their caravans in attitudes suggestive of extreme sensitivity. But if clowns are so sensitive off stage, what I want to know is: why do they behave so badly in front of an audience?

Cruelty and humour were hatched from the same horrible egg. When primitive people meet a particularly scary foreigner they rush to find their naughty children, push them to the front of the crowd, and tell them – "This man has come to take you away and eat you." As the child bursts into tears, the wrinkle-dugged grannies crease up with laughter: and the elder sthlings enjoy being in on the joke.

Slapstick is a form of international primitive humour. Interestingly enough, when Chaplin was learning his trade in London at the turn of the century, it was not thought to have much future. With difficulty, Chaplin tells us, he would scrape together the necessary sixpence to see the Drury Lane pantomime. He studied the performers to some purpose:

Every move they made registered on my young brain like a photograph. I used to try it all over when I got home. But what I think of now is the rapt attention with which six or seven thousand boys and girls would watch the clowns work. It was slapstick stuff. Everybody used to say that sort of thing would be dead in another ten years. What has happened is that pantomime, through motion picture developments, has taken the lead in the world's entertainment.

One could go further than Chaplin does in this quote from 1917, and say that those slapstick films were the first truly global entertainment. Nor is it likely that their influence has died out. Even now some eastern fleapit is likely to be featuring Charlie or Charlot. Every day children will be watching him "with rapt attention". And they will imitate the Chaplin walk, which in turn was copied from a man called Rummy who used to hold the cabman's horse for a penny tip. As Chaplin explained:

The walk was so funny to me that I imitated it. When I showed my mother how Rummy walked, she begged me to stop because it was cruel to imitate a misfortune like that. But she pleaded while she had her apron stuffed into her mouth. Then she went into the pantry and giggled for ten minutes.

If Chaplin had obeyed his poor old mother's injunction not to be cruel, he might never have raised himself from the sorry circumstances of his youth.

The Chaplin legend then had two sides to it. On the one hand there was the boy who had known the workhouse and was acquainted with the ways of tramps, drunks, and the fallen. On the other hand there was the young millionaire who depicted all these things. On the screen it was his characteristic trick to give sudden flashes of sentiment or true sympathetic feeling in the midst of all the slapstick. But in his professional life it was his business to promote himself as the man who was making a great deal of money, and stashing it away. Here is his showbiz persona as described by a certain K. Kitchen:

Charlie is enjoying his riches with becoming modesty. He spent a month in New York before he signed his contract, and it was a dizzy month, up and down and across Broadway, dining, wining, playgoing and dancing and having the time of his young life, but keeping the bankroll exclusively to himself. For at the age of 26 and with an annual income of 670,000 dollars, Charlie Chaplin has the finance idea developed to 100 per cent efficiency. The only thing he spent on Broadway in a month of gay life was four weeks. Not since Harry Lauder astonished and then amused New York with his Scotch thrift, to use a pleasant word, has Broadway known such a frugal character.

It does not necessarily follow that a child who has seen the effects of destitution will acquire this uncomplicated attitude to money, or will know his own worth with such confidence as to be able to strike a hard bargain from an early age. But when you add to the picture of hard work and money sense, frugal living, refusal of tobacco, and avoidance of excessive drink, one gets a sense of an impelling horror, and of a decision in life made by a canny child, and stuck to. The life is all of a piece. There is no surprise to be found, no off-stage clown weeping his make-up away. The man who, before the audience, showed us the "brave but ineffectual pretensions to dignity of the Petit Bourgeoisie" (to use David Robinson's succinct description of his stock-in-trade), made absolutely certain when he came off the set that he didn't end up like Charlie Chaplin.

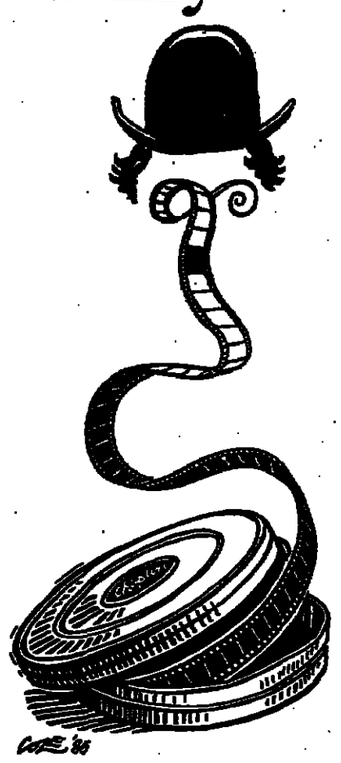
His attitude to money could have its eccentric side. Mack Sennett offered him a three-year contract, at 500 dollars a week for the first year, 750 dollars for the second, and 1,500 dollars for the third. Chaplin agreed as long as the terms were reversed – 1,500 a week for the first year, 750 the second, 500 the third. This so baffled Sennett that he let the matter drop. Chaplin also had an unusual sense of financial priorities in film-making. Although every bit of film bought had to be accounted for, it was one of his sayings that film was cheap. He began in an industry which was accustomed to shooting in one take and one take only. Chaplin developed a habit of shooting a scene over and over again, until perfect. But he retained, even so, an idea of economy. When he said "Cut", the cameraman must cut immediately.

The book under review is absolutely comprehensive. A great deal of documentation is on offer. Art and context are fully explained. If you want any more than this, you're not just a film buff. You're bonkers to boot.

Being cruel only to be funny

James Fenton on the definitive script on Chaplin

CHAPLIN
His Life and Art
By David Robinson
Collins, £15



Riddling and real feast of horrors

FICTION

Hugh Barnes

WALKING ON GLASS
By Iain Banks
Macmillan, £8.95

KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE
By Frank Parkin
Collins, £7.95

THE TEMP
By Brigitte Lozerech
Methuen, £8.95

Gothic horrors are an acquired taste. When it appeared last year, Iain Bank's first novel, *The Wasp Factory*, was greeted with suspicion by some reviewers (nowhere more so than on these pages). Perhaps they mistook its obtrusive arrangement of devices for indecorousness that made them uneasy. From the outset his second novel suggests even grander schemes and a development of the author's characteristic macabre. *Walking on Glass* is a feast of horrors, variously spiced with incest, conspiracy, and cheerful descriptions of torture.

But for all his luxuriant imaginings Banks retains the stubborn spirits of the common-or-garden. The narrative is made up of three separate stories which, superficially at least, never converge. The first two are set in London, although its streets and suburbs have become waste lands of "the poor and the decrepit, the still spinning shrapnel, walking wounded of society", and the shiftless armies of the unemployed. Civilized order is dissolving, its monuments overrun by bureaucrats and the possessed. In the opening scenes, Graham is smitten with unrequited passion at an art school party, while Steve storms out of his job in the potholes department of the Ministry of Transport. For both of them, falling in love or out of work, the transition reveals a vigorous and indifferent world.

The third episode descends into infernal regions, and in it Banks unwraps elaborate machines, illuminating lives which are no longer, even nominally, human. Quiss is imprisoned in a castle at the bottom of creation, watched over by dwarfish warders and the mysterious seneschal. His crime and his punishment seem to be indistinguishable: answering riddles. The nature of these riddles, and of the allegory that encloses them, remains obscure however.

Graham and Steve work out their predicaments in wretchedness or amnesia. But Quiss's plausible answers win him a visit to the pandemonial vaults of the world, inhabited by the half-dead. *Walking on Glass* is a futuristic fiction, but beneath the lashings of fantasy its anxieties are firmly mundane and wrested out of the ordinary. Getting by is dismissed as wishful thinking, and only fine writing relieves the gloom.

Anthropologists make unlikely comedians; but one of that unlikely bent provides Frank Parkin with his principal clown. Unfortunately Krippendorf has been struck off the academic register on account of his irregular methods. Irregularity plagues Krippendorf in all things. It begins at home. His wife researches television programmes in the exotic trouble spots of the world, leaving him to police the wild excesses of their offspring.

Some remuneration is forthcoming, spectacularly so in the form of commissions from the *Journal of Structural Anthropology*, whose readership slavers over Krippendorf's titillating, bogus tracts. His special concern is a tribe of the Amazon basin, remarkable for their progressive social system, but also figments of Krippendorf's housebound imagination.

Nevertheless his articles are illustrated with snap-shots of his family, and sundry neighbours, all in greasepaint, contortions and states of undress. *Krippendorf's Tribe* is a likeable romp, in spite of the axe-grinding: and Parkin's ingenuity is boundless, until he tangles with strikes and trade union militancy. The novel's ending, which sees Krippendorf and his aficionados set off for the Amazon, is hurried and unsatisfactory. Admittedly it pre-empts boredom, but not the feeling the Parkin's people are as insubstantial as his hero's professional inventions.

The heroine of Brigitte Lozerech's first novel finds to her alarm that, while her friends settle happily into matrimony, she remains feckless and single. That her desolation is wilful is cold comfort. "It's not love that frightens me, its men." Katharine Talbot's translation from the French preserves the clements of Lozerech's emetic style: an introspection that transcends the plot and finally obsesses the writing. Brigitte's love affair is with her magnum opus and the archives of personal misfortune. Both are crystallized in her unsympathetic father and the rebukes of her publisher. If these two specimens are indicative of Brigitte's male acquaintance, *The Temp* makes ample excuses for disenchantment.

You know my method Holmes

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

THE ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR LESTRADE
By M. J. Trow
Macmillan, £7.95

When some of our better women crime-writers are showing signs of taking themselves too seriously, a pleasure to read an undiluted traditional tale, expertly crafted and executed. The very human Chief Inspector Finch looks quietly into the killing of a wealthy businessman. Thomson's descriptions of people, places and relationships are the more believable for being understated though, this time, the culprit is a little too obvious.

● **Last Seen Alive by Dorothy Simpson** *(Michael Joseph, £8.95)*. Much of what's said above about Thomson applies equally to Simpson. Stunning schoolgirl returns to her home town after 20 years away, promptly to be slain. The sensitive Inspector Thanet rakes up old memories and sadly disrupts present lives. Simpson can disinter the past with the best of them, and her portrait of a small community is matchless.

● **A Box of Tricks, by Simon Brett** *(Gollancz, £8.95)*. Inventive package of ingenuous short stories about murder. The last-minute twists are occasionally predictable, but more often wittily unexpected and genuinely shocking. Brett reveals a neat line in murder-as-farce.

● **Days Like These, by Nigel Fountain** *(Pluto, £8.95)*: Everyday tale of London lefty folk stumbling on loony fascist conspiracy. Realistic and intelligent when concerned with our hero the socialist hack, and some energetic socio-political action, but fades a little when the nasties get going.

● **Flynn's In, by Gregory Mcdonald** *(Gollancz, £7.95)*. Bizarre multi-weapon killings at secretive rod-and-gun club where the ultra-powerful go for childish unwinding. Boston cop Flynn, invited to hush up, tries to solve instead. He hasn't yet achieved the panache of Mcdonald's Fletch, but high marks for enjoyable attempt.

Smarting from humiliating deductive defeats by Sherlock Holmes, Lestrade of the Yard belies the Great Detective's opinion of him by taking on Jack the Ripper and unravelling a succession of doggerel-accompanied murders. Splendidly shaken cocktail of Victorian fact and fiction as Holmes and Watson join Tennyson, Swinburne, Alma-Tadema and the Prince of Wales in helping Lestrade's trawl. Witty, literate and great fun.

● **The Quiet Stranger, by John Buxton Hilton** *(Collins, £7.50)*. Atmospherically gripping historical chiller, evoking grey and gloom on every page. Elderly visitor throws 1870s Derbyshire village into panic. D. C. Brunt searches for the reason in the grim and brutal history of the early Industrial Revolution. Compelling descriptions of Victorian coppery in Northern England.

● **Pearlhanger, by Jonathan Gash** *(Collins, £7.50)*. Endearing antiques wide-boy Lovejoy in ebullient East Anglian chase for missing husband, pearls, and nookies. Continuous action, punctuated only by staggering piles of information about the seamy side of antique dealing, delivered with gusto and never-boring erudition.

● **A Dying Fall, by June Thomson** *(Constable, £7.95)*.

Singing one's way to the top and banishment

John Higgins

GALINA
A Russian Story
By Galina Vishnevskaya
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

The soprano Galina Vishnevskaya calls her autobiography "A Russian Story", and no title could be more accurate. Her childhood comes straight from the darker pages of Dostoevsky, with her drunken father taking an axe to the family furniture, and her half-gypsy mother quickly handing her over to be brought up by grandparents. The days of the siege of Leningrad, when Galina was entering her teens, with corpses concealed so that their ration books could go on being used, were equally grim. To survive needed resilience and determination. The young Vishnevskaya acquired both swiftly and in large quantities; she learned how to fight for herself and, later, for others.

The key to Galina Vishnevskaya's defiance lies in those early years. She was going to succeed by taking pride in herself: her voice, her figure, her beauty, even her arrogance. If the way to the Bolshoi was through a third rate operetta company singing Carl Zeller then so be it. And if two husbands had to be sent on their way, although not by quite the same route that Tosca (her favourite role) despatches Scarpia, before she married Rostropovitch in 1955 then that too was to be accepted. For most of *Galina* Vishnevskaya shows the hard and imperious side needed to get anywhere at all in the Soviet Union in the post-war years. Once established she moved among the elite, although the company was not all that savoury, especially at top party receptions: "They clatter their knives and forks, clink glasses, smoke. And in that huge pigsty you sing for their pleasure like a serf girl."

The serf girl made use of her admirers. Bulganin himself, who plied her with attention rather more adroitly than Rostropovitch, whose courtship had an almost Chaplinesque quality, gave the order that got her out of the clutches of the KGB. Many years later, when life in the Soviet Union had become finally intolerable for Rostropovitch and Vishnevskaya, it was Edward Kennedy, prompted by Leonard Bernstein, who smoothed the way for the two year exit visa (which turned out to be exile) signed by Brezhnev no less.

The steely carapace guards a very feminine character with a devotion to all things Russian. It is no conventional autobiography. Singers when they put pen to paper, or get someone else to do it for them, tend to say only good of the living, and reserve any condemnation for the dead. Vishnevskaya reverses the process. Her praise goes to men like Melik-Pashayev, long time conductor at the Bolshoi but now deceased, her censure to those still very much on the international opera circuit – Nesterenko, Mazurok and, especially, Obraztsova. Vishnevskaya is fearless. When she was stripped of her citizenship the Bolshoi, in good Gogolian tradition, tried to expunge her name from their records. This extraordinary autobiography ensures it will be remembered everywhere else.

Philip Howard

THE ENGINEER OF HUMAN SOULS
By Joseph Skvorecky
Translated by Paul Wilson
Chatto & Windus, £9.95

This is a long, rambling, complex novel. Its dust jacket cites Milan Kundera: "It is magnificent! A magnum opus." It is part academic comedy, part satire on the politics of our foul century, and part *Ballade des Dames du Temps Jadis*, girls with names like Nadia and Marie.

The protagonist and narrator for most of the time is a Czech novelist, who opted out after the Dubcek Spring, and now teaches American literature in a small Canadian college. It is a curriculum vitae like that of the author. Some of the funniest scenes are made by the counterpoint of exiles from a small, one-time kingdom in the geographical centre of Europe with Canadians innocent and charming as the beasts. It is bitter-sweet with nostalgia for old loves, and distant childhood, when everything always turned out well, in spite of the Nazis, and the hero's abortive attempt at sabotage in the Messerschmitt factory.

The story is told with unsignalled time and character switches, interpolated letters, and rivulets of consciousness. The seven huge chapters are named Poe, Twain, and other American authors that the hero is trying to teach to his unpromising class.

The book is thick with literary reference, clever, funny, sexy, and scatological in parts. Many of the key scenes take place in public lavatories. The scenes separately are often powerful and hilarious. The structure as a whole sometimes seems bloated and pretentious. It was Stalin who is supposed to have said that the writer's job was to be the engineer of human souls. Skvorecky demonstrates that life is more complicated than totalitarian politics, and that time present and time past are both perhaps present in time future.

The old musical dreamer

Nicholas Kenyon

HANDEL
The Man and His Music
By Jonathan Keates
Gollancz, £12.95

This is the third book on Handel which has appeared for his tercentenary (and the third at £12.95): Christopher Hogwood's provided an elegant, accurate linking of countless documentary sources, with a stimulating final chapter on Handel and posterity; H. C. Robbins Landon's was a more effervescent, more digressive, but still essentially documentary study.

Jonathan Keates's survey is the last into the field, but is in some ways the best. It is the work of a highly literate enthusiast rather than that of a musicologist or performer; it is nevertheless well abreast of the latest research (right up to the complete Carmelite Vespers which will surface for the first time this year) and is full of extremely penetrating, well-judged observations on both man and music. It betrays its origins only in being irritatingly under-indexed and under-documented.

Keates's reflections on why Handel's one Passion setting is a failure compared with Bach's masterpieces produces his central statement that "Handel's study, scarcely an unworthy one by any standards, was the compassionate scrutiny of his fellow men". This enables him to restore the operas to their rightful place beside the oratorios as masterpieces of psychological penetration. The final eulogy is overdone: for "the most comprehensive illustration of human sensibility ever achieved by any composer", some of us would probably turn to Mozart, some to Wagner; but Keates is right that Handel stands with the greatest.

Sometimes he misses the mark: his treatment of Handel's extensive borrowings still seeks to exculpate him from sin, whereas Basil Lam drew the highly apposite parallel of the borrowing of architectural patterns and motifs years ago. Keates does not seem to like *Solomon*, and I certainly cannot agree that Solomon's arias are less striking than Zadok's.

On other controversial matters Keates is both imaginative and sound: on the vexed question of the composer's sexual proclivities he rightly castigates Newman Flower's judgement ("sexless and safe") as highly implausible "for the creator of Semele, Rodelinda and Alcina. Safe, in any case, from what?".

Snapper up of old trifles

Rory Coonan

DIANE ARBUS
By Patricia Bosworth
Heinemann, £14.95

On behalf of all the "freaks" who flinched before the camera of this personable bully, the midgets took their revenge on Diane Arbus. It was as if the fair-ground targets had aimed a pot-shot at the rifle: writing a month before her suicide in 1971 the Convention of "Little People" refused her permission to photograph their annual gathering in Florida ("We have our own little person to photograph us"). She who craved "off-limits experiences", including orgiasitic sex and cosy chats with Charles Manson, was herself placed out of bounds. Had she not photographed neo-Nazis? Would she not have photographed Hitler and Homer, too, had they been available? How dare they refuse her?

Patricia Bosworth's lively narrative does not pause to consider such matters. Indeed, there is hardly time for reflection of any sort. Through prose characterized by Sten-gun syntax ("And she arranged to photograph the neo-Nazis. And they were charmed by her") she piles anecdote upon tittle-tattle ("Poets were such a special breed, she said – so heroic"). The story is that of a rich "Jewish Princess", nurtured on the profits of her family's Fifth Avenue Department Store, who descended to the sump of New York life. Here she indulged a dangerous fascination with the photogenic possibilities of "forbidden subjects". These included hydrocephalic children, Jewish Giants, transvestites, and just about every species of unaccommodated man. Her acolytes cooed ("Diane Arbus is the wizard of odds!"), while the public reviled her. During an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York attendants came in early to wipe the spit off her photographs. The author would have us believe that Diane (pronounced "Dee-Ann") was an artist, while the truth is that she took rather unusual snapshots.

In this she was not original. Brassai had already photographed sleazy night life in Paris, while Weegee's gruesome flash pictures of random killings on the streets of New York in the 1940s transformed the reporting of news. But Arbus could match serendipity with deceit.

Germaine Greer plainly underestimated her "frail rose-petal" adversary. Homer must count himself lucky, as must those prostitutes from whom she was deflected by a wise teacher: "Darling, those women work for a living, too; leave them alone."



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Mirror black-out

Norman Tebbit must have enjoyed his private dinner with Robert Maxwell at Mirrow Group headquarters on February 13. In the course of the evening, it transpired that Tebbit knew something that materially affected that night's *Daily Mirror* opinion piece on the Thatcher-Kinnock correspondence over the Ponting trial. To the dismay and amazement of those senior editorial executives present, Maxwell immediately suggested that Tebbit should help rewrite the article. After much throat-clearing and shuffling of feet, Joe Haines, lifelong member of the Labour Party and the *Mirror's* political guru, asked Tebbit whether he was a member of the National Union of Journalists. Tebbit said no. The *Mirror* is a totally closed shop. Thus was Fleet Street's only Labour-inclined daily paper saved from the disgrace of having a leader dictated by the next chairman of the Conservative Party.

Battle-scarred

British civil servants working in Oman must be cursing the day scrap-metal merchants landed on South Georgia. As from May they will no longer receive pay supplements for being in a difficult post overseas. The reason? Oman has been replaced on the list of 76 "difficult" postings . . . by the Falklands.

Taking a liberty

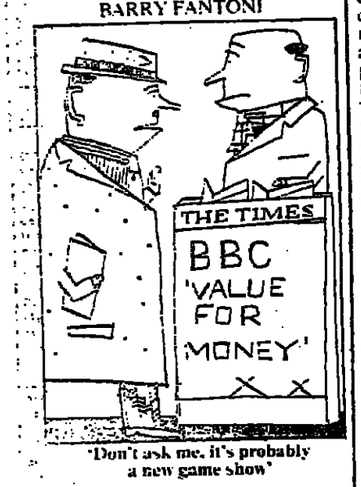
Party politics do not enter every aspect of the hard-to-fathom affairs of the National Council for Civil Liberties. Among the 12 candidates for the NCCL executive council is Clive Landa, nominated by Bill Birtles. Landa is better known as Mr Landa Chalker (Transport Minister), Birtles as Mr Patricia Hewitt (Neil Kinnock's press officer).

○ Yesterday's IBA decision to screen the banned *20/20 Vision* programme on bugging has at least spared Virgin Atlantic passengers. Virgin's chief, Richard Branson, was considering showing it as the in-flight movie.

Golden words

It is so Georgian, not Victorian, values that we have returned – and that's official. To Nigel Lawson the free-market Adam Smith Institute sent its reprint of the 1810 Bullion Committee report denouncing inflation caused by over-issue of paper money. The Chancellor has just replied. He is grateful for the "continued support" of the committee's members. "If you have any way of communicating with [them], you may certainly reassure them that I shall continue to be guided by their perceptive analysis, and resist calls to depart from the underlying principles of monetary discipline they set out 175 years ago."

BARRY FANTONI



'Don't ask me, it's probably a new game show'

Bagehot stuff

Norman St John-Stevas has been asked to chair this year's Booker Prize panel. Whether he is an expert on modern fiction is a moot point. The bulk of his own literary output since 1959 had been a biography of the 19th-century constitutional historian Walter Bagehot and the editing of no less than 13 volumes of Bagehot's assorted works.

Shore thing

Upsurges of membership in constituency parties are a sure sign of reselection fever. On Monday Labour's national appeals committee will investigate just such an upsurge in Stepney, where Peter Shore is clinging on for dear life. In January the constituency's Spitalfields ward received membership applications from 91 people, mostly Asian, enough to swing the ward behind Shore. On January 24 the constituency's general management committee – bent on removing Shore – spent so long discussing racism that it had "no time" to approve the applications. This meant the applicants were not eligible to vote for new officers at the Spitalfields ward annual meeting on February 14. Shore's supporters swiftly complained to national HQ. The party's national agent, David Hughes, told the GMC to postpone the Spitalfields meeting. The GMC ignored the order, and officers hostile to Shore were duly elected. Postscript: the GMC has now investigated the applicants and has accepted 52. Of the rest, one was dead, three lived outside the constituency, 11 were already members, and the others were inexplicably untraceable.

PHS

In search of life after rate-capping

by David Walker

This evening Islington town hall in Upper Street, N1, will be ablaze – not, it should quickly be said, the work of ratepaying incendiaries.

A sort of people's festival is to take place in the civic auditorium, while upstairs in the debating chamber the councillors are to make decisions in defiance of the Islington rate-cap. That's the official script, written more or less the same way in a score of other local authorities where New Left enthusiasm for public participation combines with a hard-line calculation that a town hall fund of committed and lubricated spirits might caution potential Labour backsliders in the council chamber.

This is the long-awaited week when Labour's municipal recalcitrants in England are supposed to put their objections to the 1984 Rates Act into law-breaking votes. In fact, for most of the rate-capped councils, the decision can be postponed. They will, meanwhile, be looking closely at the Government's response to Edinburgh's bid to go for broke.

Counties are breaking the law if by the week's end they have not made a rate for 1985/6 and the arithmetic of the final votes for the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority is satisfyingly complex.

But anyone seeking a fundamental sense of the future should be looking elsewhere: to print-outs from Cooper and Lybrand's computers; perhaps also to dinners given by Lord Rothschild, first head of the Government think-tank, the Central Policy Review Staff.

Rothschild, with Christopher Foster, Cooper Lybrand's local government specialist and a former London School of Economics professor, and a couple of bright young civil servants, are doing the thinking for the no-holds-barred inquiry into the future of council finance led by the DoE ministers, Kenneth Baker and William Waldegrave.

The inquiry promises much. Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, wants it to lay the basis for re-establishing the relationship between councils and the centre – a relationship he admits to be unsatisfactory.

At least, the Baker-Waldegrave inquiry is a rebuttal of those who say the Government has blundered during the last five years from one half-baked solution to another (the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties being the main example).

Rothschild et al are making a fresh start. Whatever finally emerges from the discussions it will be hard to say that all the options, however unpalatable, have not been examined. It would, however, be a brave man who after the two years of internal wrangling between 1981 and 1983 did not agree with the Prime Minister that domestic rates are here to stay.

A sense of *déjà vu* attends the inquiry. Central-local relations were a topic for the "think-tank" (after Kenneth Berrill had replaced Rothschild) and Foster was a witness in the futile Layfield inquiry into council finances in the mid-1970s.

Yet Baker – still fighting for a tough reputation to carry him into a Thatcher cabinet? – is telling people the inquiry's conclusions will be the mainstay of the next election manifesto.

Likely options include a national cap on the rate levied on industry and commerce and a drastic simplification of the rate-support grant, measures which match the Government's economic philosophy; but without compensating policies for the cities they could hit Liverpool, Manchester and inner London even harder than rate-capping.

Possibly by midsummer the municipal landscape will look more peaceful than this week's warring talk seems to presage, although dramas aplenty will come in the autumn and next year as more inner-city Labour authorities and possibly a few northern counties fall into the rate-capped list.

The Government's objective between now and then is a sequence of decisions, in favour of legal rates which, Jenkin says, will all be lower than they would have been without rate-capping.

But the carefully laid plans of Jenkin's officials, including, in the newly-appointed DoE permanent secretary, a guileful financial expert, could come unstuck. Their main worries are:

● **Liverpool.** Some chaotic, albeit temporary, dislocation of public services in the city is a real possibility; direct rule by Whitehall will not be chosen until it is clear that the Government is intervening to save Liverpool pensioners and schoolchildren from the consequences of city hall mayhem.

● **Court action.** DoE officials acknowledge the dicta of the Divisional Court to be one factor they cannot plan for. But the operations of the courts work two ways. The Government sees an almost automatic process of arraignment and possibly disqualification if Labour councillors deliberately flout the accepted rules on budget-making and fiscal prudence.

● **Kamikaze councillors.** Without doubt there are ways that councillors – for example in Hackney, where Labour has a huge majority – could bring the town hall down around their ears.

By the summer it is possible that Jenkin will be able to pronounce rate-capping to have worked. But the nagging sense will remain that the present system of finance is deeply unsatisfactory, increasing the pressure on the Baker-Waldegrave venture to find a basis for ordered reconstruction of the financial bridges between town hall and Whitehall.

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Peter Bradley finds anti-semitism in left-wing rhetoric

Why Labour is losing its Jews

Much has been made recently of the warnings by black activists that unless the Labour Party pays more attention to their needs, sensitivities and demands, it risks losing the support of substantial sections of the black electorate.

Recent evidence has also indicated the dissafection of another significant ethnic group traditionally attached to Labour. According to some estimates, no more than 40 per cent of British Jews currently support the Labour Party – compared with around 75 per cent in the years following the Second World War. Although many complex factors contribute to this drift, among them is the fear that certain extreme forms af anti-Zionism are tainted with anti-semitism. Many British Jews today find more to worry them in the ideologies and activities of the far left – and that includes the Labour left – than they do in those of the largely marginalized and ineffective racist right.

No matter how fervently or angrily socialists may wish to deny it, there is growing evidence of the existence of what Denzil Davies, shadow defence spokesman, identified at last year's Blackpool conference as an "anti-semitic strand" running through certain parts of the Labour Party. In the last few weeks Davies's fears have been further confirmed. There was, for instance, the miner who, albeit before a shocked solidarity rally, expressed his contempt for the "Jewish bastards" in Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet. Then came the well-publicized outburst by a Sheffield Labour councillor, George Moores, chairman of the South Yorkshire police authority, who, in an interview published in *New Society*, said of the the Home Secretary, Leon Brittan: "I don't know how to describe him. But if I did, I'd be accused of being a racist. There are too many of his ilk in Parliament. It's worth looking into, that, even though there are quite a few of them who are Labour."

In past decades such crudities might have served as isolated, proverbial exceptions to the rule of Labour tolerance, humanity and, indeed, philo-semitism. But the apparent establishment of anti-Zionism as a cornerstone of Labour-left ideology has contributed to a significant change of atmosphere within the labour movement which many otherwise tough-skinned Jewish socialists are finding altogether inimical.

Speaking at a fringe meeting on "Racism and anti-semitism" at the 1983 Brighton conference, Roy Hattersley, then just installed as deputy leader, was careful to draw a clear distinction between the anti-Zionism legitimately advanced as a



critique of Zionism and of Israeli government policies, and that which "spilled over into opposition to the Jewish community" and was therefore, as he said, "wholly unacceptable" to Labour.

It is to this test, many Jewish members of the Labour Party believe, that Ken Livingstone's recent pronouncements on the British Jewish community should be put. In an interview published in December in the Israeli trade-union newspaper *Davar*, he seemed to go out of his way to cause offence to Anglo-Jewry. With what has been described as an "ignorance matched only by his insensitivity", he alleged that the Board of Deputies of British Jews is "dominated by reactionaries and neo-fascists". He went on: " . . . Progressive Jews support me; only Jews who hold extreme right-wing views oppose me". Greville Janner, Labour MP and president of the Board, called on Livingstone to apologize; the Board's secretary-general rejected the comments as "most objectionable."

What really stung Jewish members of the Labour Party was Livingstone's claim that Jews had traditionally supported Labour "not necessarily because they were socialists, but because the Conservative Party was anti-semitic". Nothing could have been calculated to offer greater insult to Labour's Jewish activists, not only justly proud of the contribution both individual and organized Jews have made to British socialism but also working as hard as any to secure the next Labour government.

The implication is clear: only that small number of Jews who subscribe to Livingstone's kind of anti-Zionism can properly consider themselves "progressive"; to be acceptable, Jews must repudiate the cause that is central to Jewish secular life, Zionism, and must submit to a socialist triumphalism which asserts that Zionists are racists because they subscribe to a Jewish national liberation movement (while Palestinians who support their own are not); which identifies Israel's leaders with the Nazi architects of the Final Solution; and which seeks to diminish the traumatic significance of the Holocaust, which Livingstone has claimed in *Labour Herald* was "skilfully exploited in the demand for a Jewish homeland".

The excesses of anti-Zionist activists within a number of campaigns which the Labour Party broadly supports, and which in turn influence the development of Labour thinking, have also served to isolate, alienate and at times intimidate their Jewish subscribers. The collective which runs *Spare Rib*, the feminist magazine, has declared that "if a woman calls herself feminist she should consciously call herself anti-Zionist"; the City of London Anti-Apartheid Group, in a pamphlet calling for the release of Nelson Mandela, gives prominence to its support of the PLO in its fight against Zionism. The list of campaign groups, sects and caucuses in which Zionists, and by extension Jews, are no longer welcome is a very long one.

Is it really surprising, many Jews are asking, that the Jewish attachment to the British labour movement is becoming tenuous? Is it not that the mainstream has failed to protect its Jewish members from the aggressive zeal of the extremists and the insensitivity of their supporters just as it has ignored the special needs of the blacks? For in almost all sections of the "progressive" left, Jews claim they are being made to feel they are welcome only if they are at least non-Zionist, and preferably sufficiently anti-Zionist to be paraded as token Jews who dispel all suspicion of anti-semitism. Indeed, the left is at pains to cover all the angles; it qualifies its opposition to Zionism by restating its commitment to the fight against anti-semitism and it qualifies its opposition to anti-semitism by reaffirming its anti-Zionist struggle.

The problems of the Middle East will not be solved by isolating British Jews and driving them out of the labour movement. But a modest contribution may be made by those who genuinely seek a just settlements for Palestinians and Jews alike, if they were to strive fraternally and earnestly to bridge the gap which divides moderate Zionists from moderate anti-Zionists. That gulf is by no means so wide as most would imagine.

Jews in the Labour Party, along with a great many others, are calling for a reassertion of Labour's tradition of tolerance, reason and understanding. It is only reasonable to expect that until the left, in expressing its anti-Zionism, begins properly and sensitively to distinguish between Jews and Zionists Jews will experience difficulties in differentiating between anti-Zionists and anti-semites.

Meanwhile, Jews both inside and outside the Labour Party continue to be sensitive to and apprehensive of the pronouncements of Ken Living stone and other prominent anti-Zionists and of the licence their passionate though ill-expressed convictions seem to afford genuine anti-semites. As Livingstone himself wrote in a recent *New Socialist* article: "As socialists . . . our practice must always be to examine critically the policies and actions of all those who hold positions of power and judge them on the basis of whether or not their actions take us closer to or further away from a fairer and more democratic world." That sums it up.

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Ronald Butt

Not only moral but right

The campaign to persuade Everyman and Everywoman that they are in danger of having thoughts that won't pass muster in the world of respectable opinion requires activity in the media. This most usefully takes the form of ostensibly even-handed analysis presented in terms which subliminally tilt the balance of argument in the desired direction.

It is even more important to find a new term to describe the ideas condemned to intellectual annihilation. This should be introduced as though it were already a generally accepted objective description. Its precise meaning should be undefined, but it should preferably carry pejorative overtones from other associations.

Such an invention is the "moral Right" and it was used in classic campaigning manner last week in a BBC2 *Newsnight* programme on questions raised by the High Court ruling, in the Gillick case, that it is illegal to prescribe the contraceptive pill to girls under the age of consent unless parents have given their consent – a ruling the DHSS is now challenging in the House of Lords.

There are, of course, some ambiguities in the ruling. For one thing, it allows that contraceptives can be supplied in an emergency, and it is presumably for the doctor to decide what is an emergency. Then, as was pointed out on *Newsnight*, there is nothing to stop boys and girls going to a doctor or clinic to be advised on the law and to be given advice on contraceptives of all kinds (after which they procure whatever is easily available elsewhere). Still, doctors now may not ordinarily prescribe this drug (which like many others has potentially damaging side-effects) without the parental agreement needed for other medical treatment.

So the programme told stories of pregnancies risked by the new ruling and family planning doctors displayed their fury and (in one case at least) an intention to defy it.

But the central point of the programme was to convey the message that the Gillick case was no more than the tip of a dangerous iceberg. The programme's presenter, Ms Joan Bakewell, spelt it out: "The forces of the moral Right are on the move. . . . For them the Gillick ruling is only the start."

There was, of course, nobody around to ask Ms Bakewell to define her terms, or to inquire into the justification for using the term "Right", with its political nuances, to describe the concern of parents (who are as likely to be Labour-voting as Tory) for the moral and physical welfare of their children. There was nobody to ask whether the term "Right" had been adopted because it was assumed on *Newsnight* that whatever was politically describable as Right must be wrong. Nobody asked whether the opponents of the moral Right could be described as the immoral Left.

Indeed, one of the achievements of the kind of people enraged by the Gillick ruling has been to reduce the status of "moral" to that of a non-respectable word when they take their message to young people in and out of the classroom. They take it as axiomatic that it is wrong to "preach" or "moralise" in talking to children about sex; indeed, it is as though sex is the one part of life to which it is almost indecent to apply the word morality.

That, no doubt, is why Ms Bakewell once gave her blessing to the sex book for children *Make it Happy* ("a good start for teenagers") which declares: "Sex isn't just for adults", advises that nothing gives grounds for guilt if you like doing it, and instructs children about virtually every sort of aberrant sexual activity, including information about what precise kinds of bestiality are inside and outside the law. Love is only mentioned in the context of a statement that incest between brothers and sisters, though illegal, "can be a loving relationship".

There is still much resentment on the immoral Left that the DHSS got the Family Planning Association to take this book off their shelves but I am told that it remains in some school libraries and there is much more of the same sort, or not much better, still in use. It is this kind of propaganda which really explains the kind of protest Mrs Gillick represents.

Mrs Gillick herself, as a Roman Catholic opposed to any artificial contraception, is an easy target for her opponents, and the great majority of her supporters on the present issue would not agree with her on that. Nor, if other things were equal, might they all be opposed to allowing doctors discretion to prescribe the pill to extreme problem cases where it was clear that nothing would otherwise protect girls with psychological problems who were not open to persuasion. But other things are not equal.

Mrs Gillick has support because parents do not accept the assumptions on which the pill is often prescribed. They know that too many of those who prescribe it see it as the natural follow-on to the advice they give children, which is that if, understanding the facts, they wish to be sexually active there is no possible objection, provided that pregnancy does not result.

This advice is often given in terms which divorce sex from love and ignore the fact that it creates a bond which, if broken because it is premature, is likely to lead to emotional trauma and instability. Yet one seldom hears from the sex educators a clear and unambiguous statement that precocious sexual activity is emotionally and also physically (carrying increased risk of cervical cancer) dangerous. A doctor on the *Newsnight* programme preferred to find it inexcusable to put children's health "at risk" (by denying them contraceptives) to fulfil the beliefs of "someone else" that sexual behaviour is only acceptable "after marriage," or only *"after a certain age"*.

Anyone refusing to encourage the moral climate for which the pill is required for some children is a member of the moral Right, a label not exclusively used by Ms Bakewell. This month's *Marxism Today* carries a long article by Ms Rose Shapiro (formerly press officer of the FPA) attacking "Britain's sexual counter-revolutionaries" and proclaiming that, after Gillick, "the moral Right are on the move," as a blurb puts it. It even cites one or two of my articles and says that they are duplicated and "endlessly quoted from" (by the moral Right baddies), which at least is good news.

But what is most interesting is Ms Shapiro's assertion that in all this activity in protection of the family and children "the Left is the ultimate adversary." I wonder how many Labour-voting parents really see what Mrs Gillick and her supporters are doing in this light.

Still, if the cap fits, the immoral Left had better wear it. They never much liked the family anyway. It impedes revolution and challenges the state. That, of course, could be one reason why so many people don't much care for them.

Cultural detente that ended in discord

Moscow

It would be difficult to imagine a more colourful and splendid subject for a major Anglo-Soviet film venture than the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova. It is a feast of music and dance spanning her life from her origins in St Petersburg to her triumphs in the West.

But only days before the British royal première on Sunday, the film's Soviet director, Emil Lotianou, has denounced the western version as a travesty and appealed to British film-goers to have the original restored.

Anna Pavlova, five years in the making, was financed by the Anglo-Cypriot producer Frixos Constantine of Poseidon films and supervised by the British director Michael Powell. Bruce Forsyth and Roy Kinnear are among those with cameo roles. The star, Galina Belyaeva, is Russian.

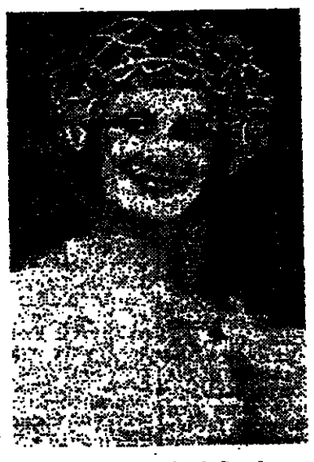
The 49-year-old Lotianou, best known for his 1976 film *Tabor*, is a poet as well as a film-maker. He is angry because he feels the very term "western version" violates the Anglo-Soviet agreement, which "specifically and authoritatively states that the film is to be made in one single version for all world sales".

Lotianou will not be at the London première at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road. He told me he had devoted five years to *Anna Pavlova* – in fact a quarter of a century from the moment, at the start of his film career, when he was given a book about her and first thought she would make marvellous material for a film.

There were always tensions behind the scenes at Mosfilm, where the final version of *Pavlova* was edited – tensions over length, and ultimately over differing concepts. Lotianou's version is nearly three hours long and emotional in the Russian manner. The Powell-Constantine version in English is much shorter. "They have not destroyed my film completely," Lotianou said. "But it is bitter to see the ruins of one's own creation."

He complains that the contract specifically obliged the British side to give him a say in the English version, yet the *Pavlova* to be shown on Sunday was made "without my agreement or participation," and its integrity and style had suffered. "Had I known at the outset that the contract would be broken, I would not have made the film at all."

Lotianou said he has warm feelings for James Fox, who plays Anna's husband and manager, Viktor d'André, and other British participants, both cast and crew. "They put up with my intolerable character very well." But, he went on, British film-goers would be misled. The interference with his



Pavlova: dancing in London in the 1920s

work, he said, went far beyond the limits of professional ethics and civilized relations". The English version had been cut with "insensitive scissors. The result contrasted sadly with the *Pavlova* which had had eight million Soviet viewers in ecstasy.

"I remember watching the final version at Mosfilm with Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro. There is – or was – an episode in which Pavlova's train stops in the desert sands. I meant that as a symbol of the crisis every true artist faces. Anna, this small and fragile woman, seizes her suitcase and declares herself ready to cross the desert. Scorsese said this was the best scene, and I agree – but British viewers will not see it. It has vanished, along with much of the music. The music was the film's nerve centre, its explosive emotionality.

"Both sides should have observed the contract and ethical obligations. As it is, the film will be shown in a distorted version. I hope that on Sunday all those who remember and love Pavlova will lay flowers at her grave. (She died in Holland in January 1931 and was cremated at Golders Green.) I hope also that my fellow film-makers and British film-goers will work for the original film to appear on western screens."

Replying to Lotianou yesterday, Constantine said that every change made in the film had been with the agreement of the Soviet authorities, who had sent representatives to supervise the English editing. That editing had been essential, he added, because "western audiences are not used to slow, long films, as Russian audiences are; they would not sit through a three-hour version".

Richard Owen

moreover . . . Miles Kington

No, we're not chauvinists

I have just seen the first number of an enterprising magazine called *Le Magazine*, which is published in England for what it reckons to be 200,000 French-speakers living in Britain. We are the size of a town like Portsmouth, the magazine says; why shouldn't we have our own paper too? It is written half in French, half in English, and if you phone to inquire about subscriptions, the recorded message comes bilingually as well. It's 0494 778151, by the way, in Chesham.

The curious thing about it is that if it was published in France, the owners might well be in jail by now. The French are mounting another of their rearguard actions at the moment against the invasion of foreign, i.e. English, words, and using the law which says you must never use an imported word if there is already a French equivalent. Well, the word magazine is a good, old English word, as opposed to good old French words like *une revue*, *un periodique* or even *un journal*, so anyone publishing a periodical called *Le Magazine* is well advised to retreat to Chesham from where, I imagine, it would be hard to extradite people under this particular regulation.

I never understand why the French get so touchy, even paranoid, about what they think of as the contamination of their language and what anyone else would call a natural process. I once read a marvellous lecture given by Gerald Long in France, and in French, urging them to abandon their fear of foreign words. It totally convinced me. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to have convinced the French.

The British, thank goodness, have no such customs regulations against the importing of foreign verbiage. For instance, we have no native word in common usage for a place where you go and eat. Café, restaurant, bistro, brasserie . . . – all French. But does it worry us? Do we care that all the English words – chop-house, eating-house, tavern – are hopelessly out of date? On the contrary, I think we actually prefer the foreign terms and would rather head for a trattoria or taverna than a plain Italian or Greek restaurant.

The rest of the time, the British don't even realize they are using foreign words. When I say "incognito", "hacienda" or "consommé", the last thing that occurs to me is that I'm talking Italian, Spanish or French. Half the time we don't even realize we are *eating* foreign. The average Briton would baulk at going to a Lebanese or Sri Lankan restaurant because it would seem somehow, well, outlandish, but he wouldn't think twice about going Chinese or Indian. That's because Indian and Chinese food is by now, well, British.

The only time we British get upset by word imports is when we feel we are being flooded by American imports. Too much American jargon makes us feel our space is being invaded, and the Americans are very good space invaders. And of course, the kind of English that is invading France is not British English, it's American English. It would be nice to think that the trendy French are going round saying, "*le minder*", "*prendre un butcher's*" or "*où est mon titler?*" but it isn't so.

The only consolation is that the Americans in turn feel threatened by, of all things, Spanish. There are now so many Hispanics in the USA that you half expect Reagan to make his speeches in Spanish and English. I think this is the real reason why Americans feel menaced by Nicaragua, actually; they suspect deep down that the Nicaraguans are going to invade *and make Spanish the official language*, which would leave the Americans, who are even worse linguists than the British, quite helpless.

Meanwhile, good luck to *Le Magazine* in deepest Chesham Bois. Or do I mean Chesham Woods?

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meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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BUILDING ON VICTORY

For twelve months the Government has had to wage a battle of resistance against the challenge of Scargillism. It was as necessary to do so in the interests of the majority of trade unionists as it was in the interests of the nation as a whole. Now, thanks ultimately to the support given to the elected government by those same working people, there has been a victory. But it has been at a high cost and now it is won there is a risk the question will increasingly be asked: was it all really necessary? It is at this point that the most difficult task confronts Mrs Thatcher.

When there is a battle to be fought on a single over-riding issue her leadership is constant and her courage never falters. That was true of her insistence in the last Parliament that there really was no alternative to the fight against inflation, and of her refusal to yield to those colleagues who besought her to take the easy road of trying to spend her way out of political difficulties. Even more conspicuously, she never compromised her conviction that the aggression against the Falklands had to be resisted.

It is not, however, clear that Mrs Thatcher is as good at building on victory as she is at achieving it. The Government's failure in this parliament to go on from resisting the immediate menace of inflation to deal with its fundamental long-term causes is a case in point. There is now also a danger that Mrs Thatcher may be less adept at handling the victory over Scargillism than she was at winning it.

It is not that there are any quick answers to the practical problems the strike has brought up, and there are certainly none to the questions about the coal industry itself, the details of whose future have to be worked out carefully in the coming months. Nevertheless, at the end of a period which has put both the Government's strength of leadership and the people's attachment to democracy under some considerable test of nerve, the Prime Minister now needs to sum up for the nation what it has all been about and to give her guidance on where we go from here. For now it is all over, there will inevitably be retrospective doubts about whether it was all worthwhile, and about what the future holds.

Indeed, doubts repeatedly surfaced during the dispute. There were anxieties about the means and cost of enforcing the law and what the law should be; about the violence unleashed by the need to resist picket-line intimidation; about the role of the police; about the heavy financial cost of the strike both directly and indirectly to the nation. But at every stage such doubts were resolved because the nation, like Mrs Thatcher herself, instinctively recognized democratic necessity. That is why there was a victory. But now the doubts may set in more seriously.

First, how real was the victory and how is it to be measured? A victory there certainly was and it can best be understood by each citizen's asking himself and herself what would have been the consequences for liberty, parliamentary government and prosperity if Scargillism had again triumphed, as it did in 1974. But the nation needs to be guided towards asking and answering these questions for itself, and that guidance can best come from the Prime Minister

Secondly, we have to look forward from what is behind us and to build on it, with working people giving the same support to the reconstruction of industrial attitudes as they gave to the resistance that brought victory

All this points to the Prime Minister's taking an early opportunity to speak to the nation, and the logical means is a ministerial broadcast. Neither Mrs Thatcher's well-known preference for a long discursive interview, nor the politician's dislike of a forum which gives the opposition a right of reply should deter her.

Such a broadcast should explain why there really was a victory and describe its nature. It would not be a triumphalist broadcast since the victory was democracy's. It would have to describe not so much the Government's detailed plans for the future but rather its broad aims. These must include a determination to assist the emergence of new and better work in the areas where pits must close, as well as making the coal industry itself more prosperous for its workers, perhaps through schemes of joint ownership. It has to show above all that it is not Mr Scargill who is the real friend of the mass of working people, and that their energies and aspirations can be released only if his kind of backward-looking and restrictive approach is removed from their environment.

Now that it is almost all over, and the miners are seen marching proudly back to work, demonstrating the natural instinct of decent people to be loyal to what they take to be their natural allegiance, there is a danger that misgivings may set in among the wider public whose sympathies are naturally with the apparent underdog in the hour of his supposed defeat. The sooner Mrs Thatcher can reinforce the message that Mr Scargill's defeat was a victory for the miners, and for working people generally, the better for the nation, not to mention the Government itself.

UNCIVIL, UNSERVICEABLE

Britain's largest civil service union, the Civil and Public Services Association, is planning a series of one day strikes on pay which will culminate in an all-out strike in May. On Tuesday the five other civil servants' unions met the CPSA to co-ordinate its general approach and this meeting was followed yesterday by the Pay Planning Committee of the Council of Civil Service Unions. That Committee is already far advanced in its discussions about waging what it calls a "guerrilla war" against the government in the next few months. All these moves take place against the background of the proposed merger between the CPSA and the Society of Civil and Public Servants which, in the minds of most militants within those two unions, will forge a big enough union to "daunt the toughest minister".

The proposed merger of those two unions will almost certainly stimulate the other smaller civil service unions to rethink their independent status. The leadership of the merged union will obviously be interested in forming as large a group as it can, and would doubtless hope to attract the other unions by pursuing aggressive policies both on pay and against the government on a number of other issues. They visualize the formation of a single trade union encompassing anything up to half a million civil servants to face up to the government. Given the current flavour of civil service unions, and the encroachments on their leadership which have been made by representatives of the extreme left, such a prospect is extremely unwelcome. No government of this country, of whatever persuasion, should be in a position where its bureaucracy belongs to a single union whose leadership is unpredictable, though probably hostile, with a capacity to disrupt or even discontinue government business in the name of industrial action. It is already only too clear from the behaviour of the left in trade unions where they have achieved control that they find it easy to persuade their members to take part in stoppages which masquerade as industrial action which more often have a serious and disruptive political purpose behind them.

The Communist Civil Service trade union leaders have been quite open about their intentions. Mr Ray Alderson, a member of the party and the vice-president of the CPSA has already spoken of his contempt for the law by saying his union "should have no truck with anti-union laws" – this from somebody who could lead the new merged union of civil servants.

Such a merger of the civil service unions would thus be an unwelcome development at the best of times. Even after the most recent legislation to ensure greater democracy within trade unions there could still be no guarantee that a mammoth civil service union would not be taken over by the left and used quite improperly against the government of the day. A foretaste of such methods is only too available in the minutes of the Pay Planning Committee's deliberations on possible options for guerrilla warfare this spring. The planners speak of lightning strikes and walkouts, kept secret so that the government is not able to determine the timetable of the campaign by its use or suspension of members of staff involved in it. There is talk of one day disruption of all public services in specified towns with the intention, revealingly, of "keeping up the media impact", and to create "the public impression that the government was no longer in control of events". Because members would not receive strike pay, and would not receive official pay during their periods on guerrilla strike, the intention would be to plan the campaign to cause the maximum disruption with the minimum loss of pay

It has become fashionable, in the aftermath of the Ponting affair for some civil servants and their apologists to claim that the policies and attitudes of ministers are largely to blame for the contemporary erosion in civil service morale. Most reasonable civil servants, however, accept that this government was elected on a platform to reduce the role of government and with it the size of the civil service base which supports the activities of government.

Those who are members of any of these unions should beware of the consequences of such a merger, and should certainly not be hustled into any kind of "guerrilla" strike, masquerading as a pay claim, but with a clear political purpose

FINAL ACT FOR FUN REVOLUTIONARIES

In a score of municipalities British socialism will today gain a new gallery of heroes and villains. However much they procrastinate (and the London boroughs and the districts will put off the evil day of making a legal rate as long as they can) Labour's rate-capped councillors now stand to be measured against their defiant talk. They will boast of George Lansbury and sing of dungeons grim. But the signs are that the Government's rather cynical calculation throughout the rate-capping exercise is correct: that Labour's left-wing councillors value power more than a place of glory in the socialist pantheon, that they will cling to office and make the shifts required, shifts which in most cases are perfectly manageable.

The cry from the inner cities is one of central state tyranny – and sure enough there are deeply worrying elements in the array of powers which ministers have taken to themselves in recent years. But beware the local rhetoric. Much of it comes out of the mouths of would-be revolutionaries; their commitment to local democracy is opportunist. For the New Left the town halls are a convenient source of revenue, a base for campaigning, a venue (in the words of Councillor McDonnell of the Greater London Council) "for opening up a terrain of class struggle".

There is a twofold remedy for such talk. One is the local ballot box (or ought to be, had the Government worked harder at making the vital connexion between those who vote in council contests and those who pay the rates). The other, between elections, keeping guard, is that odd public official, neither Crown servant nor local bureaucrat, the district auditor. After tonight's votes, or non votes, we enter his territory. There the remedies for financial improvidence, for unreasonable delay in making a rate, are tried and trusted. Municipal disobedience is a squalid business and its rules bear harshly on councillors who wilfully act outside the statutes. And at this point the Government can effectively disengage from its worryingly detailed surveillance of individual authorities.

Its immediate object is a series of town hall decisions in favour of legal rates, the timing of which depends on whether after April 1st the government will buoy with rate support grant the finances of councils which have delayed their rate-making. However long it takes (Mr Jenkin s strategy of sweet reasonableness suggests later rather than sooner) the object now appears realizable, despite pitfalls in the shape of the Divisional court and the secretaries of the Liverpool District Labour Party

But this spring's exercise is only a skirmish. Rate-capping is supposed to be educational, not least for the uncapped councils. That lesson is about cutting expenditure and municipal employment. And to turn those aggregates, let alone cut them, the councillors of Islington, Sheffield and all the other areas will have to bend the knee again next year, the year after, and lower still. They have tried with their billboards and full-page advertisements to move the public with their plight, and they have failed. However doctored, their own public opinion surveys cannot conceal the reservoir of distrust for municipal inefficiency. The Government's ambition of shrinking the local state still strikes a chord, even in the inner cities. In their council chambers this evening Labour's glory-seekers should buckle down to that reality.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The relative cost of education

From the Headmaster of Watford Grammar School

Sir, I write from a school surrounded by five others which are about to be paralysed by strikes. The issue is teachers' salaries and so, ultimately, about the proper price to pay for education. There are, of course, many possible approaches to the question. Might I simply pursue the one which has been provided by the Government itself?

Under the 1980 Education Act the assisted places scheme has enabled successive secretaries of state to pay fees from central funds, in whole or in part, for pupils at independent schools. Here, then, is an invaluable index. With a government which is dedicated to a market economy and a secretary of state who might be called its founding father, it is surely not inappropriate to use such fees as a guide to proper expenditure within the public sector.

What then does one learn? By a happy coincidence, we are also surrounded by five independent schools which are used for this purpose and whose annual fees are, severally, £1,872, £2,142, £2,226, £2,670, £3,180. Their average fee of £2,418, therefore, is surely a reasonable guide to what, on his own principles and reckoning, the Secretary of State should regard as an appropriate cost.

How, then, does this figure of £2,418 compare with costs within the public sector? Again the answer is easy to ascertain. From the accounts of Hertfordshire County Council the corresponding figure for the cost of public secondary school places in 1984-85 is £1,125, to which at most 5 per cent should be added for central administrative costs.

I need hardly say that this grotesque comparison is not due to meanness on the part of Hertfordshire, which has always been one of the most generous and liberal-minded of county councils. Its inability to do anything whatsoever to remedy the position is entirely due to the penalties which would be inflicted by the Department of the Environment if any attempt were made to spend more than 50 per cent of what the Secretary of State for Education evidently regards as appropriate.

It is appreciated that there are many competing demands upon the public purse. Until the Government acts with a little more consistency, however, it will be difficult for its protestations to be taken seriously by the large numbers of distinguished and devoted teachers who have chosen to serve in the public sector.

In the meantime is this not a situation which should draw them and their employing local authorities closer together, rather than apart?

Yours faithfully,
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March 1.

Interests of the State

From Sir Donald Tebbit

Sir, I would like to suggest that your editorial castigation (February 25) of a quotation from Mr Justice McCowan's direction to the Ponting jury was muddled and mistaken.

Certainly the maintenance of the degree of national consensus on which our Constitution rests is of the highest importance. That consensus requires, among other things, acceptance by the Government of the day that it cannot govern if it loses the support of Parliament for its measures between elections or that of the electorate at an election. But, subject to that, her Majesty's Government has the duty of evolving and carrying out policies on behalf of the Crown and of presenting them to Parliament.

It was surely in this sense that Mr Justice McCowan ruled that "the policies of the State were the policies of the Government in power", meaning in this instance the policies followed in the Falklands war, including the sinking of the Belgrano and the presentation of those policies to Parliament.

A drawback in not having a written Constitution is that the means of testing the constitutional legality of the actions, including the legislation, of British governments is not set out as clearly or as formally as, for example, in the United States. But that should not be used to disguise the fact that it is the responsibility of the government in power to decide on policies which become the policies of the State until they are democratically changed or judicially rendered void on legal or contitutional grounds.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD TEBBIT,
35 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
February 27.

Truly dreadful

From Sir Anthony Hayward

Sir, Your India correspondent, reporting recently (February 20) on Princess Anne's visit to Calcutta, fell into the common error of attributing to that great metropolis the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's "City of Dreadful Night". Kipling was, of course, writing about Lahore, which he knew intimately, whereas he only visited Calcutta twice in his life, the second time on his way out of India for good.

It is true that after the story appeared the second city of the Empire became known as "The City of Dreadful Knights", but presumably your correspondent did not have us in mind when filing his report.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
yours etc,
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Freedom to operate the local buses

From Professor Alan Day

Sir, I believe that very few people would be content if the Co-op had a monopoly of sales of food and clothing, if wine could be bought only from a state liquor store and holidays only from the equivalent of Intourist. Yet many of your correspondents demonstrate a fear of competition and a failure to realise its virtues when it comes to the provision of local bus services.

There is, in truth, good reason to expect that the Government's radical proposals will improve public transport facilities by providing for innovation (such as shared taxis and minibuses) which have not been possible under the present regime of local monopolies and by substantial cost reductions resulting from the injection of small scale enterprise and the removal of unjustifiable restrictive practices.

There is, however, the danger that an over-simplified enthusiasm for competition may limit the benefits coming from the proposed legislative changes and indeed may discredit the whole initiative. The biggest danger is that free competition, without regulation designed to maintain it, could, after a time, lead to a renewal of local monopoly by those undertakings with the greatest financial strength, who could swamp and undercut the competition, until it had been driven out. There is also the danger that the travelling public will become confused and frustrated if timetables and routes are inadequately co-ordinated or are altered at short notice.

These dangers could be much reduced, if the Minister were to make clear that the provisions of clause 5 of the Transport Bill (which require registration of particulars of a service with the traffic commissioner and require that the service be operated in accordance with the registered particulars) will be used to ensure that reasonable warning be given to the public of proposed changes in timetables, fares and routes; and that once a service is started it must be maintained for some minimum period of, say, six months.

Another way in which the dangers could be reduced (and also unnecessary traffic congestion in urban areas could be avoided) would be to make sure that the good intentions of the White Paper are carried out by refusing to allow any single operator to enjoy the sole use of bus stations. One can imagine how competition between airlines would be inhibited if airports were to belong to individual airlines.

The proposed legislation should be amended to ensure that all bus operators have access on the same terms to all bus stations of any importance. This probably means that their ownership should be separated from that of bus operators.

The Government's initiative provides much the best basis for halting and indeed reversing the decline in public transport services. For too long bureaucratic inertia and distorted memories of the free-for-all of the 1920s have stood in the way of the development of an industry which is admirably suited to small-scale private enterprise.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DAY,
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Kent.
March 5.

From the Secretary of State for Transport

Sir, Lest the villagers of Naunton read PHS's Diary on February 27 about their bus service, let me add the facts of the situation which he left out.

The Gloucestershire County Council are asking the bus companies to say which routes and services they can cover without subsidy. They are then going to assess what extra services are needed and call for tenders from bus operators to supply them. The bidder who can provide the required service for the smallest subsidy will get the contract.

This is exactly the procedure proposed in the Transport Bill. It will enable local authorities to maintain the same services for less money or to improve services for the same amount of money if they prefer.

Is there any reason why PHS left out these reassuring facts?

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS RIDLEY.
House of Commons.
February 28.

The Speaker's memoirs

From Mr Michael Foot, MP for Blaenau Gwent (Labour)

Sir, I suppose it is some mark of progress that Viscount Tonypandy does not attempt to defend the indefensible. But he should still be required to answer the real questions:

Does he think it necessary for the Speaker's job that he should be able to hold confidential conversations with members of Parliament of all parties? What gives him the right to break those confidences? And why does he suppose that such breaches may not injure the work of present and future Speakers?

He tells us to read his book, but readers will not find the answers there. What they will find is an unexpected streak of malice cutting through the cloying sentimentality. But I must not be tempted to stray from protection of the Speaker's office to book criticism.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FOOT,
House of Commons.
March 6.

From Sir Charles Gordon

Sir, Mr Michael Foot mars his letter of March 4 by its final paragraph.

In the first place, Mr Speaker Thomas did not "usually . . . accept without question the advice given him by his officials"; *experto crede*.

Secondly, a retired Clerk of the House, not being in possession of all the facts behind a current procedural controversy, is in no position to give advice. I would never now presume to offer it unless asked to do so either by the Chair or by my successor, in which case I should give it in private; indeed, I should consider it unprofessional to do otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
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March 4.

From Mr Richard Moore

Sir, I read Michael Foot's letter of March 4 concerning Viscount Tonypandy's memoirs with a mounting sense of disbelief.

Is this really the same Michael Foot who acted as literary executor for the late Richard Crossman's diaries? A decade ago Michael Foot, and incidentally *The Sunday Times*, were to be heard upholding the right of a former Cabinet minister to reveal "confidential conversations and exchanges" which had taken place in Cabinet. Are the disclosures by a former Speaker of what went on "behind the chair" so very different?

Mr Foot argues that unless the confidential nature of the Speaker's business is preserved the latter "cannot do his job properly." He may recollect the Attorney-General's argument in the Crossman case that the revelation of Cabinet confidences would prevent the Cabinet from doing *its* job properly.

The Sunday Times, obviously, continues to reject this line of argument. Why does Michael Foot appear to have changed his tune?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MOORE,
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March 4.

Purpose of Anzus

From Dr D. Allen L. Davies

Sir, Mr Lange makes an extraordinary statement in the first sentence of his article in your paper of Saturday, March 2. Europe and the United States are indeed ringed with nuclear weapons, and have been through forty years of peace. This peace may or may not persist, but in that forty years countries not ringed by nuclear weapons have not had peace but have had war; many come readily to mind – Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Angola, Chad, Cambodia, Korea and so on.

My conclusion is that it is safest to be nuclear defended. What were Australia and New Zealand able to do for Timor and what will they do when trouble comes to New Guinea? What will they do if New Caledonia gains independence through socialist France for a tiny native faction trained last year in Libya, and becomes a Pacific "Cuba"? "Free" Vanuatu is no longer an impediment to that.

The weakness and vulnerability of the Antipodes would be laughable if it were not so desperately serious.

Yours faithfully,
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March 3.

Bombing of Dresden

From Mr Robert Kee

Sir, To quote Professor Pirt (March 1) against himself: "With hindsight, I do regret" the use of hindsight to distort history, as in his letter about the bombing of Dresden. Though we now know that the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945, we did not know it then, and to say that it was then "clear that the German armies were collapsing" is not true of the situation as it appeared then.

Two days before the attack on Dresden, the Yalta Conference had ended, the first concern of which, we now seem to forget, was a "closer co-ordination of the military effort of the three Allies than ever before". In the West we had only just fully recovered from the German Ardennes offensive, though without annihilating the German armies involved in it; as late as January 20 Strasbourg seemed in danger, and we were more than a month away from any Rhine crossing, with no sure knowledge of what would happen when we attempted it.

In the East the great Russian offensive of January had come to a halt on the Oder; there seemed, in the second week in February, some possibility that the new German front might be turned on its southern flank through Dresden which *The Times* then described as a communications centre "essential to the German Army".

The next great Russian offensive in fact only took place two months later, further north, but when the Red Army eventually captured Dresden at the very end of the war Stalin described it in an Order of the Day as "a strong bastion in the defences of Saxony".

As for blaming Churchill for a lack of any great concern about retribution bombing, in this as in so much else he reflected the feelings of the great majority of the British people at the time. On a bomber squadron in the summer of 1941 we were always given as targets of last resort "anything that opens and shuts in Germany" and the thought was not an unwelcome one.

My own view of the morality of these things has changed in 40 years, but that is nothing to do with the history of the time.

Yours faithfully,
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March 1.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 7, 1912

The coal miners' strike of 1912 was the longest and most damaging of a number of industrial disputes in the decade before the outbreak of the Great War. The cause was the miners' demand for a minimum wage of five shillings (25p) for men, two shillings (10p) for boys; on February 26, 850,000 miners ceased work. Failure in the negotiations between owners and workers compelled the Government, in an unprecedented step, to force the parties into agreement by an Act of Parliament - Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Act 1912. It came into operation on March 29 and the strike ended on April 11.

[MINERS' STRIKE]

MR. H. G. WELLS'S ADVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, – In common with the rest of the world, I am deeply interested in the possibilities of a settlement of the present coal strike, and I shall be glad if you will permit me to point out two considerations that seem to me to be quite fundamentally important in this problem. The first of these is the extreme suspicion of the men. They appear to be resolved not to return to work until they have a completely specific agreement that will leave nothing to subsequent discussion. I will not attempt to explain the origin of this suspicion, whether it be the work of insidious "agitators" or the vicious fruit of previous disappointments, or the reflection of our sordid political prepossessions in the popular mind; the fact remains that it is there to an extent quite unprecedented in British labour quarrels. The general deterioration of our political tone is manifesting itself in this struggle. The men behave no longer as though they believed that our political leaders are in the last resort gentlemen, but as though they considered them in the worst sense of the words lawyers and "exploiters". I do not, I say, wish to discuss the sources of this persuasion, much less would I justify it. It is so, and for the present problem it cannot be altered. The Government is dealing with a mass of men hopelessly shy of promises or subsequent adjustments, and the only conceivable way of getting to a settlement with such men is absolute frankness and explicitness to the utmost detail.

And that brings me to the second essential fact to which I would call attention – the ignorance of our rulers. The men have submitted a detailed demand for a specific *minimum* wage in every district. They seem, to an unbiassed observer like myself, to have prepared that demand with considerable care and moderation. We are told that what they ask is in several cases unreasonable. If that is so, why are our expensive Government officials and why are the owners unprepared with an alternative schedule that is reasonable and that will permit of a working profit? This strike has been coming visibly for a long time. Why haven't the "experts" a detailed, lucid statement to make that could be put up against the men's specific claim? This struggle, I submit, is amazingly discreditable to the English governing class. It is a worse disillusionment than the South African War. Here are the men on the one hand, clear, informed, exact: here are the owners and the Government on the other, windy and vague, and standing on their dignity. In my small experience of business transactions I have always refused to deal with people who stood on their dignity when I wanted accounts and figures. The people we trust to govern us seem to have been taken by surprise after a full half-year's warning, to be inadequately informed and planless. They didn't know; they didn't even know they ought to know. I sit over my dwindling fire full of the apprehension of discomforts to come, and it is not against the miners that my resentment gathers. It is against the traditions and shams of party politics, against the organization of ignorance by the public schools, against the systematic exploitation of Parliament by lawyers that leaves us now with nothing but shifty politicians in a crisis that cries in vain for knowledge and statecraft.

The miners, and not only the miners but the workers generally, are restless and out of hand. The situation is stupendously dangerous: we must go back 130 years to find a situation as dangerous. If this strike goes on it will go on to social revolution and something indistinguishable from civil war. Let the ruling and owning classes stop a resistance that is at once planless and extraordinarily exasperating, give in at once to demands that are still clear and finite, stop this struggle now at any price, and then, with such haste as they can, set about learning their business a little more thoroughly than they know it at present time and recovering that confidence which has until recently been given them in such generous measure by the mass of British workers.

H. G. WELLS.
17 Church-row, Hampstead.

Funeral honours

From Professor John Honey

Sir, Incorrect nomenclature? Mr Litten's case on "pallbearer" (March 2) can only be sustained if we restrict carriageways to carrying coaches and horses and manufactures to hand-made goods.

The well established modern sense of pallbearer is one of thousands of examples of the way the English language has been developed and enriched by a refusal to limit the use of words to the meanings they had when they entered the language.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HONEY,
School of Education,
Leicester Polytechnic,
Scraptoft Campus,
Scraptoft, Leicester.
March 2.

Touché

From Mr Peter Barker

Sir, Your Correspondent in Paris, Diana Geddes, today (March 1) makes gentle fun of the latest French moves against "one of their favourite *bêtes noirs*" (sic) – Franglais.

When we ourselves do the same thing in reverse should we not get it right and insist on the femininity of the beast?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BARKER,
29a Crawford Avenue,
Wembley,
Middlesex.
March 1

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 6: The Queen, Patron, this morning attended a Service in St Paul's Cathedral to mark the Golden Jubilee of King George's Jubilee Trust.

Her Majesty was received at the steps of the Cathedral by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Alan Traill) and at the West Door by The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Jubilee Trusts, and The Princess of Wales.

The Service was conducted by the Dean of St Paul's.

The Addres was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London gave the Blessing.

After the Service, The Queen was received at Goldsmiths' Hall by The Prince and Princess of Wales and by the Prime Warden, Goldsmith's Company (Mr A. G. Grimwade). Her Majesty, with their Royal Highnesses, then attended a Reception, escorted by the Chairman of the Royal Jubilee Trusts (the Lord Remnant).

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robert Fellowes, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon attended a Foundation Day Ceremony at the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, WC1.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor Sir Randolph Quirk).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this evening attended a Reception given by Mr R. C. Arora (Acting High Commissioner for India) at 9, Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 6: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this afternoon at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. McGregor upon relinquishing command of the 4th Battalion (V) and Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Clark upon assuming command.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Hugh Lassam Goodson will be held in Exeter Cathedral at noon on Wednesday, March 20.

A memorial service for the Hon Noel Byron will be held today at noon at Chelsea Old Church.

A memorial service for Miss K. E. Bird will be held today at 3 at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Atkinson, 69; Sir Kingsley Collett, 79; Mr J. O. Hambro, 66; Mr Jarl Köhler, 50; Sir Anthony Lambert, 74; Mr Justice Latey, 71; Mr Ivan Lendl, 25; Mr Piers Paul Read, 44; Lord Justice Oliver, 64; Mr Eduardo Paolozzi, 61; Professor Sir David Phillips, 61; Mr I. V. A. Richards, 33; Professor Sir David Scott, 98; the Earl of Snowdon, 55; Sir Randulph Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, 41; Dame Margaret Weston, 59.



Detail from Canaletto's Warwick Castle, expected to fetch $3 million at auction in New York

$11m expected in US sale of Old Masters

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's announced yesterday that it is to hold the "most important sale of Old Masters in the United States in 20 years" in the form of a collection of 23 paintings owned by Mr Samuel T. Fee, an oil millionaire from Oklahoma.

The sale is expected to fetch more than $11 million. Christie's and Sotheby's have been competing for it, and as a result some of the valuations being put on the pictures are ambitious, according to London trade sources.

The star piece is a view of Warwick Castle by Canaletto. It is painted under a bright sunlit sky, reminiscent of the artist's native Venice and is expected to fetch more than $3 million.

Mr Fee acquired it from Agnew's in London in 1980 when it left the collection of Lord Astor of Hever.

Other important works include an oil sketch by Tiepolo for a fresco depicting the arrival of King Henry III of France at the Villa Contarini at Mira. It is estimated to fetch about $2 million.

There is an equestrian group by Aelbert Cuyp estimated at $1.5 million to $2m, and a Van de Cappelle celebration of the Dutch fleet at Dordrecht estimated at $1.5m. The sale is scheduled for May 9 in New York.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR HOWARD WARRENDER

Authority on the philosophy of Hobbes

Professor James Howard Warrender, Professor of Politics at the University of Sheffield and a leading authority on Thomas Hobbes, died on February 22. He had been ill for some months but continued with his teaching and administration until a short time before his death.

He was born in 1922 and after education at Wolstanton Grammar School, Newcastle, Staffordshire, he took his degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Keble College, Oxford, in 1943 and his MA in 1948.

From 1946 to 1959 he was Head of Department of Political Science at the University of Glasgow, establishing the department there, before doing the same at Queen's University of Belfast from 1959 to 1972. He had been Professor of Political Theory & Institutions at the University of Sheffield since 1972.

His reputation in the field of Hobbes studies was established with the publication of his book *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes* in 1957. After many years' work on the *Clarendon Edition of the Philosophical Works of Thomas Hobbes* he produced the two-volume definitive texts, in the Latin and the English versions, of *De Cive* in 1984. Three further volumes, including *Leviathan*, are at an advanced stage of completion.

His writings were designed to attack the view that Hobbes was a proponent of the doctrine that might is right or that power justifies itself. Instead he saw the Hobbes's political philosophy a type of moral theory, one aimed not simply at personal self-preservation but at the preservation of men in general. He argued that there could be no more moral objectives than survival, peace, and safety.

Thus his interest in Hobbes was not simply historical; he saw his work as philosophically important and politically relevant.

Warrender was entertaining and stimulating with a sense of humour guaranteed to enliven and illuminate the driest areas of academic enquiry. As a head of department, his relaxed and casual manner concealed a shrewd toughness.

MAJ-GEN T. H. JAMESON

F.N.G. writes:

The passing of Major-General Tom Jameson, CBE, DSO, Royal Marines retired, who died on February 28, aged 90, should not go without note.

In 1919 he led a unique expedition of Royal Marines and sailors, with 6-inch and 12-pounder guns, from Vladivostok to the Kama river, some 300 miles from Moscow, where they supported the White Russian forces under Admiral Kolchak.

They mounted the guns on a tug and barges and fought a number of successful engagements against the Red Army. Eventually they sank their ships, and taking their guns with them, managed to return to Vladivostok despite appalling conditions, a round journey of over 10,000 miles lasting five months. For this Jameson was awarded a DSO.

He also fought with the BEF in the retreat from Antwerp and at Gallipoli, where he was wounded and mentioned in dispatches. For his service in World War Two he was advanced to CBE (he had been created OBE in 1937).

He will be sadly missed by the many to whom his character was an example and his sense of humour a constant delight.

DR STEFAN BAUER

Dr Stefan George Bauer, who died on February 16 at the age of 76, was a versatile scientist and engineer whose activities ranged from nuclear physics in the critical days of the Second World War to the design of a successful motor-cycle.

He was born and educated in Vienna and in 1934 became a senior member of King's College, Cambridge. Interned as a foreign national in 1940, he obtained his release later in the year, and in 1942 was sent to Montreal as a member of the Peace River Project, which had the task of developing an atomic bomb. He became deputy director of the applied physics division.

After the war he became head of the chemical engineering department at Harwell, where he pioneered the use of liquid sodium cooling for reactors. In 1954 he moved to Rolls-Royce as chief nuclear scientist, and worked on the design of a nuclear-powered submarine.

In 1966 Bauer was appointed director of engineering at Norton Villiers Ltd, where he led the team which developed the Norton Commando; this, with its "Isolastic" frame system, achieved a fourfold increase in the company's sales.

His interests ranged far beyond physics and engineering. He was an inspired gardener and could discourse learnedly on a wide range of subjects. He created a personal sanctuary and nature reserve at Willowpit, in Derbyshire, on a 15-acre artificial lake in which he sailed and swam and which in the end claimed his life when the ice collapsed under his skates.

He is survived by his second wife, Pamela, and a daughter and a son.

MR DAVID WATTS

Mr David Watts, CBE, a prominent figure in the building industry and managing director of the civil engineering firm of George Wimpey from 1969, died on February 19 aged 73.

After education at Latymer Upper School and King's College, London, he joined the firm of Wimpey in 1934 as a junior engineer. He worked for a time in England and Scotland, and was then sent to Cairo as Middle East manager.

During the 1950s he was responsible for many constructions, including power stations at Singapore and Hong Kong, dams and hydro-electric projects in Turkey, South Africa and Brazil, and various jetties. He also helped to develop the company's marine and oil-rig interests, becoming chairman of Wimpey Marine and of Highland Fabricators.

He was made a director in 1953 and promoted assistant managing director ten years later. In 1968 he was appointed CBE and in 1975 he became president of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors. A year later he joined the Construction Exports Advisory Board and became a member of the council of the Confederation of British Industry. By the time he retired from the company in 1979 his association extended over 45 years.

An active sportsman and Rugby football enthusiast, Watts served for many years on the committee of the London Welsh rugby club and was its chairman from 1963 to 1968.

He married in 1938 Molly, daughter of Herbert Jarvis. There were a son and a daughter of the marriage.

CDR ALFRED WILLIAMS

Commander Alfred Williams, CBE, DSC, who died on March 1 at the age of 87, was Unionist MP for North Cornwall from 1924-29.

Born at Caerhays Castle, he was educated at Osborne and Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and as a 17-year-old midshipman was drafted in HMS Euryalus to Gallipoli where for his gallantry during the landings he won the DSC. Three years later he was mentioned in dispatches after an action off the Belgian coast.

He became a member of Cornwall County Council in 1923 but retired a year later when he was elected MP for North Cornwall. He lost the seat in 1929.

He was recalled for naval service in 1939 at the age of 42 and, among other duties, commanded a force of minesweepers whose task was to keep the Suez Canal open to shipping.

He was a former High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Cornwall.

MR JAMES DALE

Matthew Norgate writes:

In your obituary of James Dale you mentioned in passing that he had originally trained as a portrait painter. As a sideline to his stage career, however, he did not neglect this pursuit.

Ten years or so ago some of his fellow members of the Savage Club jointly commissioned from him a portrait of Sir Henry Irving (who was also a Savage member), and the result now holds an honoured place in the club's portrait gallery.

Irving died three years before Dale, aged 20, made his first stage appearance, but he had seen the great man perform many times, and I believe had met him, so was able to paint him from memory, and a vivid likeness the picture is said to be.

MR D. W. LUCAS

Mr Donald William Lucas, who died in Cambridge on February 28 at the age of 79, was a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and from 1952 to 1969 P. M. Laurence Reader in Classics. He was joint editor of the *Classical Quarterly* from 1953 to 1958.

Lucas's special interest was in Greek poetry, and he published prose translations of several Euripides plays: the *Bacchae*, *Medea*, *Ion*, *Alcestis*, and *Electra*. These were complemented in 1950 by *The Greek Tragic Poets*, a work of sober good sense, and in 1968 by a commentary on Aristotle's *Poetics*.

He married in 1933 Mary Cohen, and they had a daughter and a son.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. J. Reader-Harris and Miss S. M. Wilson Smith

The engagement is announced between Michael John, son of the late Mr J. W. Reader-Harris and the Hon Mrs Reader-Harris, of The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Susan Mary, eldest daughter of the Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J. L. Wilson Smith, of Cumledge, Duns, Berwickshire.

Mr P. G. A. Alington and Miss C. J. Boreham

The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Alington, of Stroud Road, Gloucester, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Boreham, of Evesham Road, Cheltenham.

Mr M. R. Owen and Miss A. E. D'Arcy

The engagement is announced between Mark Robinson, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. R. Owen, of Llandyrnog, Clwyd, and Adrienne Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. T. D'Arcy, of Crathorne, North Yorkshire.

Mr T. S. C. Delany and Miss S. A. Vere Nicoll

The engagement is announced between Terence, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Delany, of Withyham, Sussex, and Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Vere Nicoll, of Marston Magna, Somerset.

Mr P. R. Byers and Miss K. L. Grinling

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Paul Richard Byers, REME, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Byers, of Effingham, Surrey, and Karen Lucie (Tikki), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. H. Grinling, of Chapel House Farm, Okewood Hill, Surrey.

Mr M. J. Kershaw and Miss S. Kivell

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of the late Mr J. H. Kershaw and Mrs J. H. Kershaw, of Aston Le Walls, Northamptonshire, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Kivell, of Bideford, Devon.

New Zealand visit

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will visit New Zealand from April 3 to 12, it was announced yesterday. They will attend centennial celebrations of the formation of the New Zealand St John Ambulance Association and carry out other engagements. The Duke is Grand Prior of the Order of St John.

Lecture

Browning Society of London

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, gave a lecture to members of the Browning Society of London yesterday evening at the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

Service dinner

Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron

Air Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAFSC, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron

Latest wills

Margaret Hope Pilkington, of St Helens, Merseyside, left estate valued at £2,792,485 net. Among other bequests she left £100,000 to the Revensdale Trust and £50,000 each to the National Trust and Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday given in honour of the Bundestag Foreign Affairs Committee.

Victory (Services) Association

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff David Rowe-Ham, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Victory (Services) Association at the Victory Services Club yesterday. Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, president of the council, was in the chair and among those present were:

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Rear-Admiral P B P Brayne-Nicholls, chairman, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, vice-chairman; Lieutenant-General Sir David Morstyn, Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Rear-Admiral W A Higgins, Air Vice-Marshal G White and Group Captain S A Jones, WRAF.

Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists

The council of the Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists entertained at luncheon at Grosvenor House yesterday representatives of government departments, professional institutions and other organizations connected with the water industry. Mr H. Fish, president, was in the chair and the principal guest was the Earl of Cranbrook.

Dinners

Weizmann Institute Foundation (London)

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mr Denis Thatcher, was the guest of honour at a dinner arranged by the Weizmann Institute Foundation UK at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr Derrick Kleeman and the Hon David Sieff were the joint hosts with Mr Sieff in the chair.

The Prime Minister was presented with the Weizmann Award in the Sciences and Humanities on the occasion of a professorial chair being endowed in her name in perpetuity. The guests included:

Baroness Airey of Abingdon, Mrs U Adam, Mr and Mrs N Alliance, Mr and Mrs S J Barclay, Mrs L Barley, Professor Sir Rudolf Chain, Mr E Bernerd, Mr and Mrs S Berwin, Mr and Mrs G Black, Mr and Mrs M V Blank, Mrs E Blond, Mr and Mrs G de Botton, Miss M de Botton, Miss A Bromilow, Mr S Bronfman, Mr and Mrs T Chinn, Mr and Mrs M Cocks, Mr and Mrs D Cohen, Mr N Cohen, Mr and Mrs D Desmond.

Mr and Mrs H Dianogly, Mr and Mrs M Dianogly, Mr R Dianogly, Mr and Mrs J Durnin, Mrs V Duffield, Mr and Mrs M Ellis, Sir Montague and Lady Finniston, Mr and Mrs R Fulner, Mr V Gerson, Mr and Mrs J Gestetner, Mrs H Gestetner, Sir David and Lady Gibbons, Mr and Mrs J Gold, Mr Goldfar, Mr M Gordon, Mr S Gorvy, Mr M Green, Mr and Mrs W Griesmann, Sir Michael and Lady Hadow, Mr and Mrs P Harris, Miss W Harris, Mr M Hatter, Mr and Mrs B Heaphy, Mr and Mrs B Hertzberg.

Mr and Mrs A G Howard, Mr T S Howden, the Israeli Ambassador and Mme Aviner, Mr and Mrs D A Jacobs, Mr and Mrs P Jacobs, Lord and Lady Jacobovits, the Hon Greville Janner, QC MP, and Mrs Janner, Mr and Mrs D Kingsley, Lord Kissin, Miss J Kleeman, Mr and Mrs P Kleeman, Mr and Mrs H Knobil, Professor Sir Hans and Lady Kornberg, Mr and Mrs J A Kornberg, Mr and Mrs Ab Kramer, Mr and Mrs M Latham, Mr and Mrs A Laub, Mr D Lauterman, Mr and Mrs G Lawson, Mr J D Layton, Mr B Lesser, Mr and Mrs H Lewis, Sir James and Lady Lighthill, Mr and Mrs R Marks.

Mr and Mrs R Maxwell, Mr Y Meerovitch, Mr and Mrs P Mellor, Mr J Metzack, Mr and Mrs M Mendoza, Mr and Mrs J Mitchell, Professor and Mrs A Mitchinson, Mr and Mrs M Moross, Mr and Mrs P B Morris, Mr and Mrs H Morrison, Mr and Mrs A Nadler, Mr and Mrs M Palmer, Dr and Mrs R Parienti, Mr T Parr, Mr and Mrs M L Phillips, Mr J Pigott, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Mr and Mrs C Powell, Mr and Mrs D Preuss, Mr and Mrs M Rodin, Mrs S Ramsay, Mr and Mrs M Raviv, Miss P Rawlings, Lord and Lady Rayne, Mr and Mrs E Rayne.

Lord Rayner, Mr and Mrs Z Regev, Mr T H Rellman, Mr and Mrs M Rentoul, Sir Peter and Lady Reynolds, Mr J Ribtak, Mr and Mrs G Ronson, Mrs J Rosenfeld, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Mr and Mrs Jacob and Mrs Rothschild, Mr L de Rothschild, Mr and Mrs J S Rubens, Mr and Mrs S Rubin, Mr M Sacher, Viscount and Viscountess Samuel, Mr and Mrs G Samuel, Mr C Sainer, Dr and Mrs D Sala, Lord and Lady Schon, Mr and Mrs J Schreiber, Mr S Sebba, Prof M Shalom, Mr and Mrs I Shalom, Mr and Mrs G Shaw, Mr and Mrs R Shine, the Hon Mrs D Sieff, Mrs L Sieff, Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Miss A Sieff, Miss D Sieff, the Hon Michael and Mrs Sieff, Mr S Sieff, Prof R Smith, Mr and Mrs E C Sosnow, Mr M Stakol, Mr and Mrs C Stein, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr J Sternberg, Mrs D Susman, Lord Weidenfeld, Mr and Mrs G Weston, Mr and Mrs P Wolff, Sir David and Lady Wolfson, Mr and Mrs N Wray and Mrs J Zilicha.

BMA Council

A dinner was given by the chairman, Dr John Marks, chief officers and members of the BMA Council in honour of the immediate past chairman, Mr Anthony Grabham, at the Law Society yesterday. Those present were: Mrs Marks, Mrs Grabham, Sir Douglas and Lady Black, Mr James Kyle, Dr and Mrs Anthony Keable-Elliott, Dr And Mrs Stephen Lock and Dr and Mrs John Havard.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Professor Norman Ashton, assisted by the Senior Warden, Professor J. A. Dudgeon, and the Junior Warden, Mr W. F. Southwood, entertained at a yeomanry dinner at Apothecaries' Hall last night. Those present incfuded:

Mr R. S. Jay, Professor J P Mitchell, Professor J Whitwam, Professor A Garner, Professor D M Albert, Dr T D Whittet, Mr P J Preston-Morley, Dr J Fisher, Mr J Cook, Colonel F J Nellis, Dr F T. Carter, Professor T Glenister, Mr M Marshall and Professor P M Daniel.

Timber Trade Federation

Lord Boardman was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Timber Trade Federation held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr E. M. L. Latham, president of the federation, was in the chair. Others present included:

The Ambassadors of Romania, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, and the High Commissioner for Malaysia.

Reception

English Anglican/Roman Catholic Committee

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster were the principal guests at a reception held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, yesterday by the English Anglican/Roman Catholic Committee to mark the retirement of the Right Reverend John Trillo and the Right Reverend Christopher Butler, OSB, as co-chairmen of the committee.

Memorial services

Sir Robert and Lady Fraser

The Lord President and Leader of the House of Lords was present at the memorial service for Sir Robert and Lady Fraser held at St James's, Piccadilly, on Tuesday. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. An address was given by Mr Anthony Pragnell and there were readings by Sir Brian Young and Mr John Whitney, Director General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Brian Gilmore (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs John Gilmore.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth (Chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority) with past and present members of staff, Lord Bernstein, Lord and Lady Grade, Lady Plowden, Lord and Lady Hill of Luton, Mr Douglas Jay, Mr Christopher Chataway, Sir Huw Wheldon (president, Royal Television Society) with Mr Stuart Sanson (chairman), Dame Janet Graham Bryce, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Dame Diana Reader Harris, Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, (chairman, The Save the Children Fund), Sir Alastair Burnet, Dame Anne Bryans, Sir John Wood, Sir Ian Trethowan, Sir Freddie Warren, Mr David Holmes (representing the Chairman and Director-General of the BBC), Mr William Brown (Managing Director Scottish Television), Mr William MacQuitty (representing Ulster Television) and Mrs MacQuitty, Mr Paul Fox (representing Ulster Television), Mr Brian Tesler, Sir James Beckwith-Smith, Westward Television), Mr William Hodgson (representing ITN), Mr David Plowright (Chairman ICA and managing director, Granada Television).

Miss Sheelagh Jefferies (deputy director-general, representing the Central Office of Information), Mr Christopher Bland (representing LWT Holdings), Mrs Jill McIvor, Professor George Wedell, Mrs Anthony Pragnell, Mr Ivor Shelley (representing the Royal Institute of Public Administration), Professor Nicholas Mansergh, and Mr and Mrs E R Cross.

Major D. Wigan

A service in memory of Major Derek Wigan was held on Tuesday, March 5, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Neville Thomas, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated and readings wer given by Mr Michael Wigan, son, Mr Rupert Stevenson, grandson, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. Innes. Mr J. Henderson gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Derek Wigan (widow), Mrs Michael Wigan (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs A Pilkington and Mr and Mrs J C Norman (sons-in-law and daughters), and grandchildren, Mr and Mrs David Wigan, Mrs B Cadbury, General Sir Victor and Lady Balfour, Mr and Mrs J Henderson, Captain and Mrs Mike Tufnell, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Mr and Mrs C Smith, Mr and Mrs Wynne Tufnell.

Earl and Countess Cathcart, Viscount Leverhulme, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Lady Burghley, Sir Seymour Egerton, Major P J D MacFarlane (president, Sussex Branch, Coldstream Guards Association), Mr and Mrs Michael Braithwaite, Major and Mrs Geoffrey Tufnell, Mr Colin Stowe, Captain and Mrs John Walker, Major General Sir George Burns (representing the Coldstream Guards), Mr and Mrs David N Richardson, Mr Michael Hickman, Mr and Mrs Isidor Kerman (representing the Racecourse Association), Plumpton and Fontwell Racecourses), Mr J Aird (representing Lingfield Park Racecourse), Mr A K Mackenzie-Charrington, Mrs Nicholas Mackenzie-Charrington, Mr Timothy B Nelligan, Mr H J Joel, Mr and Mrs Julian Gibbs, Mr Richard Greenwood, Mr Eric J Hopton, Mr and Mrs David Bunn, Mr Ewan Christian, Colonel and Mrs Piers Botsford, Sir Martin Gilliatt.

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Churches call for co-operation over funerals

Better co-operation between undertakers and local clergymen, to avoid "shabby furnishings, wilting flowers and aged and torn service books" in cemetery chapels, are called for in a report published today by a joint church committee (Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes).

The report states that it is important that funeral attendants should be suitably dressed. It comments that access to gravesides is sometimes difficult and the surroundings untidy.

The report was prepared by a working party representing all the main denominations under the Bishop of Dorchester, the Right Rev Conrad Mayer.

Clergy who officiate at funerals are reminded in the report, prepared as a handbook for the churches, wherever possible to visit the family concerned before the service to assist during the processes of grief and to collect information so that the service has a personal touch.

Funerals and the Ministry of the Bereaved

Marlborough College

The following awards have recently been made:

Sixth-form entry – Scholarships: Zelda Barrington, Wimbledon High School, London; Zoe Dwyer (music), James Allen's Girl's School, London; Nicola Neary, Benenden School, Cranbrook; Chloe Stewart (art), Ipswich High School.

Exhibitions: Caroline Clarke (clarinet), Bishop of Llandaff Church-in-Wales High School; Anna Davitt, St Clare's Convent School, Oxford; Polly Goodman (music), The Abbey School, Reading; Angela Whitaker, Howell's School, Llandaff.

Thirteen-plus entry – Music Scholarships: Sean Hargreaves, Cranleigh Preparatory School, Surrey; William Philips, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; William Thorp, Fernrake Hall, Repton Preparatory School, Derby; Adam Wake, Westminster Abbey Choir School, London.

The closing date for the Academic and Art Scholarship in May is April 29.

Science report

Versatile jellyfish could help doctors

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Discoveries in two quite disparate fields of biological research have revealed behaviour which had not been thought to exist. The findings from studies of very lowly creatures may belie their scientific importance. One of the discoveries, concerning the way nerve fibres stimulate muscles, could point medical researchers in new directions.

It concerns the way a common member of the jellyfish family, *Aglantha Digital*, swims. It has two actions: a slow rhythmic movement while fishing, and a sudden series of rapid surges when escaping from a predator.

In the slow action the jellyfish travels about 15cm, about one body length. When in flight from a prey, each movement pushes the animal five times as far.

The creature swims by contracting the wall of its bell-shaped body to expel a jet of water. Different types of nerve impulse are needed to make the muscle squeeze the water jet which creates the pumping action.

Fast or slow swimming depends on different biochemical processes occurring in the nerve fibre for the transmission of a bioelectric signal to stimulate the muscle.

In one action the process is critically dependent on the level of sodium present in nerve fibre and for the other on the concentration of calcium.

The discovery made in a joint research project by Dr R.W. Meech, of the medical school, Bristol University, and G.O. Mackie, of the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is that the two types of stimulus are carried out in the same nerve fibre.

An account of their results published in *Nature* says it is the first time that two types of impulse through nerves have been reported in a single nerve fibre.

The other discovery comes in two independent reports in the same issue of *Nature*. They describe how two extraordinary new micro-organisms have been found.

The organisms are unusual because they survive in very hot acidic mud holes formed on the side of volcanoes. The aspect which has surprised scientists is how they obtain "nutrition" on which they thrive. They grow equally well in conditions where there is an ample supply of oxygen from the air or in anaerobic conditions, where oxygen is totally absent.

In the first state, the micro-organisms, which belong to an ancient line of bacteria, oxydize sulphur and produce sulphuric acid. In the anaerobic state, they absorb hydrogen and sulphur and turn them into hydrogen sulphide, which is poisonous to creatures.

The discovery of the new micro-organisms was made by one team working with Dr Karl Stetter, of the University of Regensburg, Germany, and another with Dr Wolfram Zillig, of the Max-Planck Institute for Biochemistry at Martinsreid, Germany.

It is the first time again that an organism has been found to behave in a way that nobody had previously suspected. That consists of the ability to switch between such extremely different biochemical states as that needed for growing in an environment with oxygen and one without.

The findings shed new light on certain branches in the early tree of evolution, and the organisms provide a potential genetic source, if needed, for microbes that would process sulphur.

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THE ARTS



Donald Cooper

Simmering hostility: Diane Fletcher, Richard Briers

Theatre

The frivolity of dejection

Why Me?

Strand

Something worrying is happening to Richard Briers, who appears to be going through the comedian's equivalent of the change of life. Compare, for instance, his sparkish, resilient performances in *The Good Life* with the dolefully peevish figure he cuts in *Ever Decreasing Circles*. And consider his astounding remark to this newspaper last Saturday: "There is little acting in farce."

It would be instructive to hear this master farceur's defence of that opinion, but on the available evidence it looks as though he has decided to put frivolity behind him and turn to *serious work: such work, by definition*, presenting issues of importance and keeping the jokes firmly in check.

Hence, presumably, the West End unveiling of Stanley Price's play, which would hardly have taken place but for the participation of Mr Briers as yet another dolefully peevish hero. This time he plays a civil engineer who is cast on to the redundancy scrap-heap at the age of 50, and left to do the housework while his wife pursues a flourishing career in marketing pizzas.

It is not a startlingly original idea, but it certainly offers a workable comic starting point. As Mr Price works it out, though, comedy has to watch its p's and q's, and never obstruct the important things he has to tell us: that unemployment is a painful experience, and there are not many jobs going for the middle-aged, and that marriages can suffer from this sort of thing.

Around his hero, Mr Price assembles a comprehensive anthology of "how-we-live-now" clichés. A mother-in-law dwells on the premises, forever shuffling in from her own flat to drive Mr Briers further round the twist with appeals for home decorating and human contact. His son, needless to say, is roaming the country with a rock group and puts in an appearance in drag. His builder neighbour, Arthur, economically couples racism with male chauvinism; and, to button things up, his wife's catering colleague (mercifully unseen) is evoked as a fire-eating feminist.

I liked Mr Price's previous play, *Moving*, and this piece too shows him to be a perfectly able craftsman. That, indeed, is the trouble. Feed anything into those capable cruncchers, and out comes the same workmanlike product. This does not matter in the case of a small, middle-class dilemma like moving house. It becomes insulting when the state of Britain's unemployed gets churned into fodder for an amiable middle-brow night out. If this had been a farce, the result would have been a good deal less frivolous.

The prevailing mood of Robert Chetwyn's production is dejection. Mr Briers, growing visibly greyer throughout the evening, radiates defeat from his first entrance, and only escapes it in fantasies of his blighted jazz career, alcoholic readings of the Book of Job, and in an obligatory affair with the next-door wife (twice interrupted by unexpected arrivals). Wry smiles, simmering marital hostilities, long-suffering generation-gap sighs, emerge from the surrounding company, from which Diane Fletcher's businesslike wife alone is immune.

Within these limits, Liz Smith works wonders with the part of the mother-in-law, but even she finally has to turn into a wise old thing with sage memories of the Depression years. Bring back the dancing girls!

Irving Wardle

Television

Mistaking superficiality for science

Q.E.D. returned to BBC1 last night with an early warning that its programme, *The Science of Sexual Attraction*, had images, words and ideas "that may offend some viewers", not so much a caution perhaps as a catch-all for the easily stimulated. There was not much science in any meaningful sense in what followed though there were numerous references to scientists. Those who did appear were mainly American, one of them an "olfactory scientist" whose nose was to the grindstone of the perfume business.

The art critic and historian Brian Sewell made an aesthetic intrusion to declaim on Rubensian women who are, of course, large, languid, carelessly unclothed and not really in fashion: and there was a brief diversion, for padding I thought, with a lady who specializes in photographing men's behinds. For the rest it was bits of this psychologist and that psychologist with a coy narration by Eleanor Bron and John Fortune.

Q.E.D., it seems, mistakes superficiality for popular science. When a scientist did appear no one asked a question. So the psychologist Dr Glenn Wilson was left to pronounce that women's bodies were the result of millenia of lusting men and to maintain that, if men fancied women with large breasts, then breasts would become larger.

An experiment was conducted with a distillation from male sweat, which is apparently used to convince sows during artificial insemination that they are *not entierely alone. It was* sprayed on some seats in a dentist's waiting room and the receptionist's observations noted that women tended to choose these seats. It seemed to me that the seats were near the door so that the impulse to sit there might have been motivated by other considerations. This piece of hocus-pocus was typical of the programme. We must hope that *QED* will take its viewers more seriously.

Open Space (BBC2) showed a specially adapted version of *Something's Burning*, initially performed by Shiftwork, the highly talented youth company at Hammersmith's Lyric Theatre. What burns here are *unemployment, police harassment*, racism and the lot of contemporary youth. The sketches are produced from actual street experience through improvisation to script. "Documentary theatre" it is called and this sample, made possible by the Community Programme Unit, was funny, vital and, for society, not a little cautionary.

Dennis Hackett

All change at the Angel

Sadler's Wells

This grand exercise in "community drama" employs a cast of 300 citizens of Islington to celebrate its rise from an extra-mural staging post to a famously bolshie Inner London borough. In dramatic terms there is the immediate problem that history has preferred to take place down the road, and much of the show's content seems barrel-scraping. When a young boy astride a hobby-horse is blithely announced as "His Majesty King Charles the *First*" one questions the standard of historical research.

But the intention here is confessedly polemical rather than narrowly educative. Islington is personified by "Angel", daughter of the old Angel pub's landlord, who carries on a disadvantageous affair with "John", son of a City worthy. In the course of four centuries he repeatedly declines to make an honest woman of her and give his bastards his name. If I have got the rhetorical connections right, this seeks to show that, while the City historically has used Islington for purposes of recreation, it refuses to help the borough in its hours of need.

Islington's current predicament is distressingly familiar: the social services boom of the 1970s is due for the governmental axe, which will affect not only the old and the handicapped but also the young and hale whom these services employ. In an excruciating finale it is borne in on us that different social classes must stand together against the evil of rate-capping – John Wesley, Blake and S. T. Coleridge are adduced as examples of middle-class former residents – and we are urged not be be prejudiced against those who shop for aubergines in Chapel Market.

The production values are necessarily amateurish, though the standard of much of the singing and acting is higher than we have any right to expect. The children of Islington Green School make a spirited fist of their roles. The piece will undoubtedly fail in its ambition to soften Ministerial hearts but may well succeed in the lesser purpose of fostering a sense of community – within the theatre, for a few hours.

Martin Cropper

● The current production of *Hamlet, The First Quarto* at the Orange Tree, Richmond, was erroneously described on this page as being the first professional staging since 1949. In fact it was performed by the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow, in 1981.

Concerts

Medici Quartet

Purcell Room

It is appropriate that in the year of his eightieth birthday the Park Lane Group's British String Quartet Series should feature prominently the work of Sir Michael Tippett. And though, of course, it is not British, there could be no more suitable music to place alongside his than that of Beethoven. For here, despite the merits of the two other works in the Medici Quartet's superbly played recital, with their sheer power, originality and determination, it was obvious that Tippett's Second Quartet and Beethoven's Op 18 No 1 were both in a musical league of their own.

Tippett's work, first heard in 1943, looks in two directions simultaneously, on the one hand summing up a conservative tradition through its loosely diatonic and neo-classical language, and on the other looking forward in its spacious, vital expressivity to the new freedoms that postwar Western composers would experience and exploit.

That older school was represented here by Alan Bush, five years Tippett's senior, whose *Dialectic* was written in 1929, towards the end of the composer's studies with John Ireland. It was intended as a deliberate experiment in form, and sounds that way in its curious exposition, which presents a succession of ideas derived from the opening theme in a manner all too systematic. But at the beginning of the development section the music suddenly ignites: here the composer's real feelings are allowed free rein, tempered by instinctive, not calculated, logic.

The composer, looking hale and hearty, thoroughly deserved the generous applause he received, as did Alun Hoddinott for the beautifully idiomatic writing, if not the rather conventional formulae, of his recent Second String Quartet, derived from a shorter work, *Scena*, composed in 1979. Neither piece could have been played with greater commitment.

Stephen Pettitt

BBCSO/Boulez

BBC Maida Vale

Only a few weeks after its Stockhausen festival the BBC took another dive into the heady years of the avant garde on Tuesday in reviving Boulez's *Figures Doubles-Prismes* with the composer conducting the work at the start of the sixtieth birthday programme to be broadcast later this month. It was an exciting occasion.

Begun in 1957, but extended in 1964 and again in 1968, *Figures* was Boulez's first purely orchestral work and it conveys the feeling of joyful adventuring on new and large resources. Apparently he had not performed it for more than a decade and contact with the score has characteristically prompted him to speak of revision, but one must hope its bounding energy will not be too much qualified.

Like many other pieces written in the wake of Stockhausen's *Gruppen, Figures* redifines the geography of the orchestra, though more in the interests of sonority than of spatial effect. Strings, woodwind and brass are each divided into four groups spaced about the platform, the whole ensemble being sliced by three harps and sundry percussion. From such a mass Boulez is able to obtain new sounds in the large, static chords which slowly billow with changes of balance, and also in the *dynamic charges* which sweep across the orchestra carrying a flotsam of tuned percussion and disappear.

The dialogue between suspense and motion was to be repeated in *Eclat* and *Figures* has harmonies out of *Pli selon pli*, but the profile of the work is unique: it has a vigour rooted in the timpani, rather than in the metallic scintillations of Boulez's more normal orchestral style. It also takes an unusual course in the portion added in 1968, where it seems to want to become Berg's Violin Concerto.

There is a long passage woven around continuous violin melody, sometimes thinning down to a soloist, sometimes rippling through many interpenetrating lines with support from the rest of the orchestra. Then, with a rampant quick march through the whole ensemble, this marvellous work is over.

The other two pieces in the concert represented the Boulez of the 1970s. *Cummings ist der Dichter* has always seemed the ugly duckling of his output: too heavy for e. e. cummings, whose words are pored over by chamber chorus and small orchestra, and too light to stand by itself. *Rituel* however is already a monument in his work, if a strange one: a Rothko in a gallery of Klees.

Paul Griffiths

Rock

Roy Buchanan

Dominion

To the majority of rock enthusiasts, Roy Buchanan may be remembered as little more than an American guitarist who achieved one minor British chart success with a single called "Sweet Dreams" which reached number 40 in 1973. At present he does not have a British recording contract and has received so little attention of late that a representative of his former record company was not even aware that Buchanan had once been signed to that label.

Yet this single appearance at London's Dominion attracted a disproportionate number of media and rock business personalities, drawn no doubt by his veteran session-player status and the highly individual quality of Buchanan's artistry. His style, though rooted in the blues, develops from the premise that an amplified guitar is capable of making a range of noises much wider than those gained by simply plucking individual strings or strumming chords.

His most frequent embellishments included a crude flamenco technique to conjure atonal percussive effects (when he played "Green Onions"), rapid plectrum strokes to achieve long bursts of drilling cadences ("Going Down to the Graveyard") and the use of the volume control to create a soft bowing effect ("Sweet Dreams"). His rigid staccato claw-picking combined with the overloaded treble sound to produce brittle meshed clusters of notes that stretched across the songs like fine-grain chicken wire, while his distinctive facility for playing completely across the rhythm of the band was heard to best effect in "Peter Gunn Theme", where the cross-rhythmic cuts and chops were frequently redolent of Jeff Beck (who was in the audience).

The performance was marred only by the injudicious inclusion of two familiar Hendrix songs, "Hey Joe" and "Foxy Lady". His backing band were far too wooden to do justice to Hendrix's free-flowing arrangements and it is unwise, even for a player of Buchanan's ingenuity, to invite such close comparisons with the master of white noise guitar playing. But in all other respects Buchanan stamped a mark of rare authority at this concert and, it is hoped, jogged a few memories.

David Sinclair

Ian Holm (right) tomorrow appears in a new film for the third week running: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare



A staunch supporter

It seems impossible to go to a British film now without seeing that little sung actor of excellence, and the voice of Hovis, Ian Holm. Last week he appeared as Ruth Ellis's former lover in *Dance with a Stranger*, the week before as the head of a clerical pool in *Brazil*, and he plays Stanley, the gin-loving village solicitor, in *Wetherby*, which opens tomorrow at the New Curzon.

"I want to see how far I can go in the film world", he says in a voice that rumbles up from the same deep well as Olivier's. In a 31-year career he has had a few turning points. If this month turns out to be one of them then Trevor Nunn – who still asks when the best verse-speaker in English is returning to the stage – might well have to wait.

Holm became an actor because he failed every exam at school. It was a dentist in Worthing who eventually started him off with an introduction to the local Shakespearian player Henry Baynton. In his beret and astrakhan collar, Baynton coached him for the RADA audition. "He had the rights to a play by an obscure writer called Israel Zangwill. It was an absurd piece to read and the principal, Sir Kenneth Barnes, was so astonished he let me in."

In 1954 Holm graduated to Stratford as a spear-carrier in *Othello*. The spears got bigger – at one point he was heaving a 15-foot metal banner – and so did the parts. An early speaking role was the Doge in Robeson's *Othello*. "Harold Hobson wrote a one-line review to the effect that *Othello* had opened in Stratford with Paul Robeson. He was asked why he didn't write more. The following week he gave his reasons. I was one of them. Never had he seen Shakespeare's language so mauled."

After playing "an awful lot of Pucks", which made him worried he would become the oldest elf in the business, Holm took on the mantle of Kings. His *Richard III* was spontaneously applauded by the cast. His *Henry V* won him the *Evening Standard's* Best Actor Award for 1964. Evidently his size – he is only 5ft 6in – did not matter. "It was only after I'd left the stage for the one medium where you'd think height wouldn't matter that I'd hear remarks like 'He's a great little actor, but he's a bit on the short side'."

Leaving the RSC, where after 13 years he was known as Stratford's Head Boy, he likens to leaving the womb. But he felt it was the end of an era; and like David Warner and Peter Jeffery he had been approached by the cinema. "I didn't take to it easily. But after two years I became more interested in the moment than the two-hour performance."

Holm appeared in *The Fixer*, and then in *The Bofors Gun* for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. He won a similar award at Cannes for his performance as the trainer in Hugh Hudson's *Chariots of Fire* (after which Olivier wrote that he only realized who it was halfway through: until then he thought they had used a real trainer). He was the only actor from that film to work on Hudson's next – *Greystoke* – for which, again, he was nominated as Best Supporting Actor, although the film was hardly special. On the set it was noticed that, without patronizing or embarrassing them, he would make suggestions to other actors, even, sometimes, to the director. "Stratford training", he says, then confesses if he was to describe himself it would be as "an actor's actor – of that I'm prouder than any supporting role".

Holm admits both to a lack of ambition and to the fact that he has never taken on a part he did not wish to play. When Trevor Nunn sent a telegram about a play called *Travesties* and a once-in-a-lifetime role, he read Tom Stoppard's script. He thought it "overwritten and beyond belief" and sent a telegram back, "Dear Trevor", it read simply, "Poor Tom's a'cold." In 1976, however, while playing Hickey in *The Iceman Cometh*, he cracked up. For six months he could not walk down the street or into a theatre. He has played once on stage since. "It's ridiculous for an actor not to do theatre. I will have to go back, or I might as well sell brushes. The irony is I wouldn't have any problems at all in doing what I wanted in the one area I'm frightened of."

His present roles on screen are all cameo parts, grey eminences like Desmond Cussen in *Dance with a Stranger* – "a very ordinary man with unbelievable passion under the surface". Their combined impact might finally exorcise the Best Supporting jinx and lead to parts as major as he once enjoyed on stage. "From this moment on I'm being a lot more choosy. I don't want to go on playing supporting roles for the rest of my life." He puts a fist against his smile. "But I might have to."

Opera

La traviata

Grand, Leeds

English audiences have had little chance to judge for themselves the work of the production team from Geneva of François Rochaix, his designer Jean-Claude Maret and his lighting designer Jean-Philippe Roy. Their Geneva *Turn of the Screw* and *Pelléas* we know by repute; their *Death in Venice* with Scottish Opera disappointed here simply because it was less physically portable than had been hoped. But now the time has come. Not for curiosity alone is it well worth catching their new *Traviata* for Opera North.

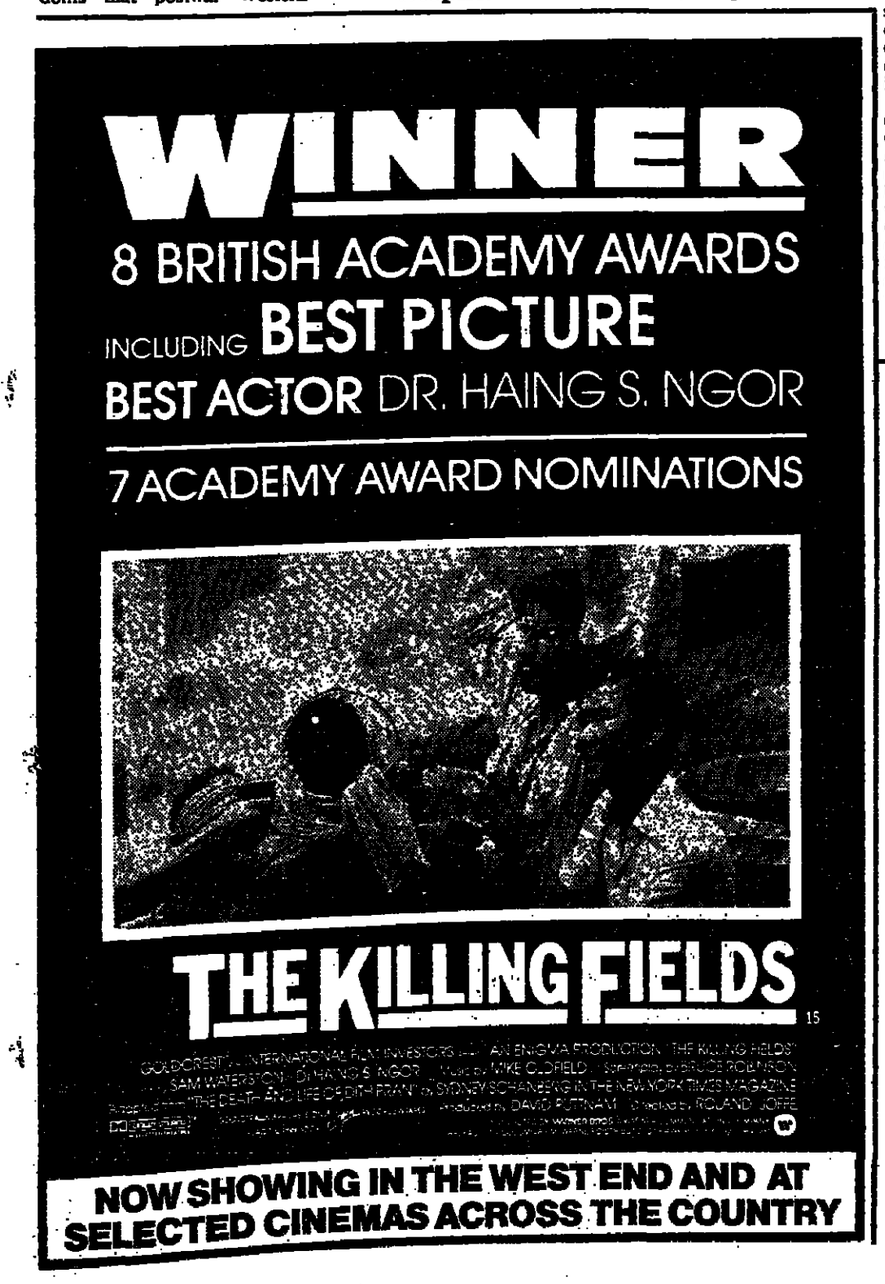
Perspective is all. The stately Corinthian columns of First Empire architecture form prosenia for cool forms and colours of a production of near perfect proportion and harmony of ear and eye. On this stage, indeed, every prospect pleases and only man is vile. Man, for a change; not mankind. For it is no coincidence that Germont père is dressed in the identical stone-grey of the elegant facade which stands, bastion-like, in the centre of Act II Scene 1. His entrances are framed by uprights; the only deviation from the right angle about him is the sinuous movement of his ceaselessly caressing, gloved hands. Jonathan Summers fleshes out the conception vocally and physically with extraordinary and entire conviction.

The movement, disorder and shifting perspectives of the madding crowd are brilliantly stage-managed in Act I, and their fleeting appearances, ghostly-grostesque, as carnival phantoms in Act III is a no less inspired touch. Violetta's struggle against their more diffuse but no less real oppression is all the more compelling simply because this is Helen Field's first Violetta. The fight she puts up in Act I, gritting teeth and fingers against the score as much as her fate, only serves to sharpen the edge of drama.

Her last scene is sung from her *chaise longue* with all the vulnerability of the dignity she has had to maintain in her role in society. And it is this moment which confirms just what her portrayal and, indeed, the musical direction of Roderick Brydon is made of. He, after all, is the musical cornerstone of the Geneva team, and his understanding of the score's fusion of fragility, vitality and palpitating presence is masterly.

If Adrian Martin's Alfredo must come last, it is more a reflection of his place in this production than of his accomplishment. His actions during the overture make it clear that the opera exists in Alfredo's memory. This and the extraordinary *coup de théâtre* where, for once in Act II, he turns and finds himself immediately back in his father's arms provide his just place. Where at the end will Alfredo be? Martin, *his hysteria packed within his* tight tenor, manages to make us at least want to ask the question.

Hilary Finch



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69	45	Douglas (Wm)	51		+1	2.9	4.9	38.4
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130	83	Fed	108			3.9	3.5	10.3
118	82	Do 'A'	91			3.9	3.5	10.3
107	71	Finlan (John)	83			6.0	7.2	39.9
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165	115	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	115			2.0	1.8	47.6
238	163	Gleeson (MJ)	228			7.1	3.2	16.4
123	94	HAT	96			4.9	5.1	10.5
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171	116	Hill	170			10.7	6.3	9.0
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229	137	Laing Mt	229		+4	7.9	3.5	8.2
244	166	Lawrence (Walter)	224			14.5	6.5	5.8
91	60	Lilley (FJC)	87			5.2	7.8	6.2
230	156	Lovell (Y.J)	210		+4	8.6	4.1	10.1
144	97	Lovell S South	134			8.1	6.7	8.5
194	143	Maiders	184			10.0	5.4	9.5
233	163	Marshalls (Halifax)	223			11.4	5.1	7.8
270	185	May & Hassell	266		+6	15.7	5.9	9.7
155	89	Mayer Int	116			7.0	5.9	8.2
116	101	Miller (Stanley)	10					
238	185	Monk (A)	210			9.3	6.4	5.1
204	184	Morrison (John)	200			15.9	7.3	8.8
650	476	Newarthill	610			14.2	2.3	12.5
168	104	Nottingham Brick	150			7.1	4.5	14.9
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250	190	Pochins	190			5.7	4.5	4.7
476	292	RMC	476			17.6	4.9	11.0
316	220	Redland	274		+3	13.5	5.1	11.6
260	193	Roberts Adlard	213			8.8	7.6	10.3
38	27	Rowlinson Secs	32			0.3	2.9	9.2
281	180	Ruberoid	275			10.4	4.4	11.5
142	102	Rugby Cement	126		+2	8.5	6.4	11.5
168	112	SGB	168			9.0	5.6	11.5
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	68			3.0	4.4	10.7
78	47	Smart (J)	61			5.8	9.5	12.5
578	442	Stanley Chart	567			40.0	7.0	9.2
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71	42	Wagon	71			4.8	6.8	9.1
50½	23½	Wells Fargo	150½					
260	195	Wimpey	250			8.4	2.9	18.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

27½	19½	AKZO N/V Bearer	£29½			400	15.0	
256	148½	Allied Colloids	235		+5	30	13	27.0
257	205	Associated Ind				7.5	2.2	23.8
243	86	Anchor Chemical	243		+2	5.0	2.1	22.4
82	43	Arrow Chemical	58			2.4	4.1	10.2
50½	36½	Bayer DM50	£50½			700	11.8	
		Bibbys		f		10.0		
137	84	Brent Chems	123			4.2	3.4	22.8
11½	9½	Br Bauxol	11½					
97	91	Br Tar Products	94			5.0	5.0	12.9
81	77	Camrose (W)	96			4.6	4.7	14.3
243	151	Coalite	241			8.4	3.5	11.1
189	135	Cooros Bros	173			6.0	3.5	11.9
158	78	Do 'A'	143		+1	6.0	4.2	11.8
31	21	Cory (Horace)	31½			2.3	6.5	18.7
151	92	Cross	147			10.0	7.1	17.0
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244	158	Ellis & Everard	244			9.3	3.8	22.5
109	60	Halstead (James)	109			5.6	5.9	8.4
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113	61	Leigh	102			3.2	3.1	28.1
241	167	Physu	217			4.1	1.9	16.3
175	119	Rentokil	169			2.8	1.7	28.2
115	88	Stewart Plastic	104			3.6	3.5	15.2
286	120	Wolstenholme Rink	278			9.6	3.5	16.3
81	36	Yorkshire Chems	78			1.8e	2.3	33.5

CINEMAS AND TV

156	150	Anglia TV 'A'	153			11.4	7.5	10.6
97	88	Eqtrain	94		+3	8.0	8.5	8.0
159	98	HTV N/V	140			10.0	7.1	6.8
307	182	LWT 'A'	241					
188	164	Scot TV 'A'	154			11.9	7.7	7.2
139	112	TVS N/V	133			8.6	6.4	9.3
37	24	TSW	29½			2.1	7.3	7.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

438	282	ASR	368			10.4	2.8	7.9
155	93	Aquascutum 'A'	155			3.9	2.5	12.3
118	88	Beattie (James) 'A'	117			3.5	4.2	12.0
63	48	Bentalls	61			2.5	4.1	18.9
62	49	Bremner	61			3.8	5.8	40.3
291	181	Br Home Stores	287			11.5	4.0	10.7
210	150	Brown (N)	210			11.4	4.2	18.4
474	211	Burton	449			9.3	2.1	22.7
		Cand (A) &Sons	30			26.5	8.8	8.3
79	59	Carpets 'A'	72			2.9	4.0	6.2
57	38	Casket (S)	51			2.7	5.4	6.7
525	333	Church	525			15.7	3.0	14.5
117	82	Combined English	117			3.8	3.2	10.1
140	89	Courts (Furn) 'A'	103			6.7	6.5	6.1
211	141	Debenhams	211			11.1	5.3	19.0
116	81	Dewhirst (J)	102			4.4	4.5	13.0
382	262	Dixons	382			14.4	3.8	11.7
298	90	Dunn	298			4.4	1.5	17.0
77	34½	Ellis & Goldstein	77			3.3	4.3	12.7
410	280	Elys (Wimbledon)	410			19.7	4.8	14.7
104	74	Empire Stores	104			3.5	3.4	24.5
138	118	Etam	138			3.5	2.7	22.6
146	118	Executive Clothes	146					14.3
37	27	Fine Art Dev	29			4.3	5.9	5.8
94	62	Ford (Martin)	91			9.1	9.2	
146	97	Forminster	146			7.5	5.1	7.9
213	162	Foster Bros	208			8.7	4.2	9.3
194	88	Fremlens	172			7.0	4.1	9.1
97	77	Gefter (A.J)	86			7.0	8.1	9.1
210	136	Gent Sh	143			4.3	3.0	9.7
240	208	Goldberg (A)	240			16.0	6.7	7.5
194	68	Goodmans Gp	194			10.7p	5.5	7.0
178	94	Grattan	178			2.9	1.7	24.3
		GreenField Blacks	43					
777	494	GUS	777			23.9	3.0	13.4
332	245	Habitat Mothercare	332		+12	9.9	3.1	22.5
188	122	Harris Queensway	188			5.2	2.8	14.6
24	18½	Hedges Of London	24			2.1	8.8	17.1
162	78	Hepworth (J)	162			9.7	5.1	30.7
		Holler				2.9	13.9	9.7
282	217	Home Charm	282			8.2	2.9	31.2
400	216	House Of Fraser	400			9.9p	2.2	31.2
127	92	House Of Larose	127			11.4	9.0	7.9
146	98	Jones (Ernest)	98			5.6	7.1	10.2
23	21	Ladies Pride	21			1.8	8.5	27.0
53	41	Lee Cooper	53			5.3	4.1	6.5
486	344	Liberty	486		-15	6.7	1.5	42.4
153	112	Lincroft Kilgour	153			7.9	4.7	13.0
148	100	Marks & Spencer	136		+1	4.5	3.3	20.6
251	151	Marples (John)	223			4.5	2.6	13.7
277	198	Mfi	224			7.6	3.1	16.0
145	110	Millets Leisure	118			3.9	3.4	31.6
195	135	Moss Bros	195			6.1	1.9	28.6
124	78	NSS Newsagents	124			4.7	4.4	12.4
265	221	Next (B)	265			10.2	2.9	11.5
126	78	Owen Owen	126			4.7	2.8	19.6
115	88	Peters Stores	89			2.9	4.1	30.0
171	112	Reveries (Jewellers)	112			5.3	3.8	9.7
		Rayford	57			3.3p	5.8	28.7
		Ratner	274			9.7	3.6	
173	105	Read (Austin)	170			5.7	3.4	19.8
113	84	Do 'A'	108			5.7	5.3	12.8
113	84	S.U.U Stores	20					12.8
123	97	Samuel (H)	123			8.2	6.7	22.5
		Do 'A'	89			6.0	7.5	21.0
	102½	Selincourt	200				2.0	21.1
150	110	Simmons (S) 'A'	150			9.8	6.2	13.7
194	116	Smith (WH) 'A'	194			8.3	4.3	15.8
39	28	Do 'B'	39			1.7	4.3	15.8
52	42	Stanley (AG)	47			2.1	4.8	8.2
68	46	Stanbard	68			2.1	4.6	8.2
190	41	Sumrie Clothes	46					
353	253	Superdrug Stores 'A'	278			5.1	1.4	33.6
54	34	Tom-Tomalatto	51			2.9p	5.6	11.3
124	84	Time Products	124			4.4	4.1	7.1
284	184	Wallace & Waylie	284			14.2	4.1	10.3
283	183	WW Group	264			11.3p	5.5	6.1
201	161	Ward White	201			7.9p	3.4	13.4
153	96	Waring & Gillow	153			2.9	2.3	
118	104	Wigfall (Henry)	118					
633	395	Woolworth	580			13.6	2.3	17.3

ELECTRICALS

380	321	AB Elec	412		+7	9.8	2.1	17.8
72	64	Amstrad	72			1.7	1.5	12.5
167	28	Arlen Elec	38					
345	245	Atlantic Comp	370		+20	9.4	2.5	23.6
28	17	Audio Fidelity	28					19.2
180	127	Auto Sec	173			7.9p	1.0	21.0
290	208	BICC	236		+3	15.1	6.4	11.1
316	133	BSR	145		+3	2.1	1.4	12.8
494	242	Bowthorpe	482			7.0	1.5	23.7
134½	97	Br Telecom 50p P	128			8.2	7.3	
97	62	Brown Boveri Kent	90			3.6	4.0	13.3
31	21½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	29			1.9	7.7	28.8
354	255	CASE	274			1.9	0.7	32.4
540	298	Cable & Wireless	515			10.6	1.9	21.5
405	295	Cambridge Elec	398		+2	9.0	2.3	17.7

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324	268	Aberforth	332			1.8	0.5	
188	139	Aitken Hume	173		+3	10.0	5.8	6.7
238	178	Antofagasta	215		-10	15.9	7.0	4.9
76	72	Barlow Hldgs	118			7.1	6.3	5.7
155	121	Bardays Tech	145		+1			27.3
77½	72½	Carnelly	122½			12.9p	9.6	
76	76	Centreway	76		-5	1.4p	2.0	2.2
147	98	Hambro	139			9.5	6.4	24.5
98	74	Ivory & Sime	98		-2	2.5	2.9	22.8
74	74	Maiside	128			5.4	4.2	23.4
110	105	Park Place	138			6.8	4.9	42.8

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FOODS

35	16	Alpine Drinks	19			2.8	15.5	
298	142	Argyll	298		+3	7.8	3.0	16.9
376	263	Ass Food	218		+2	7.3	3.3	9.8
235	140	Assoc Dairies	154		+2	9.7	2.4	21.2
114	75	Assoc Fisheries	104			3.6	3.8	15.5
417	340	Avana	394			14.5	2.4	19.7
235	178	Banks (Sidney C)	210			12.1	5.8	8.4
72½	14	Barker & Dobson				0.4	3.7	15.7
268	200	Barr (AG)	268			10.7	5.2	9.8
268	88	Bassett Foods	178			9.6	5.4	9.3
170	102	Bellway Of York	68			3.8	4.9	9.3
83	63	Bejam	147			5.4	3.6	21.8
88	53	Bluebird Cord	75			7.1	9.5	21.3
39	26	Br Vending (BV)	39			2.4	6.1	12.5
117	85	Cadbury-Schwepp	106			7.9	4.7	13.7
131	85	Cams Mining	131			7.9	6.0	7.1
115	105	Cifferds Dairies	115			8.6	7.5	5.5
		Do 'A'	115			8.6	7.3	5.5
135	119	Cadbury	122					11.8
157	119	Dew	122		+5	8.2	4.2	13.2
134	116	Fisher (Albert)	116			13.9	7.1	11.9
146	118	Fitch Lovell	199			13.9	7.1	11.9
271	221	Glass Glover	271		+4	4.9p	1.8	21.7
90	78	Global Gp	90			3.2	3.5	17.2
280	211	Hazlewood Foods	211½			17.5	8.3	7.5
263	200	Hillsdown	263			7.2	2.5	17.4
63	41	Home Farm	63		+1	4.6	7.4	8.5
457	352	Iceland Frozen	457					14.3
178	116	Kwik Save	178			5.9	3.3	15.6
155	115	Lyons (Joh-J)	155			4.1	4.0	7.8
137	95	Lovell (EP)	137			5.5	4.0	17.9
978	214	Low (Wm)	978		+2	14.3	2.6	16.2
297	217	Matthews (Bernard)	297			9.3	3.1	7.1
295	214	Meyerside	295			14.4	5.6	17.0
78	75	Mott Trade Supp	78			7.5	9.6	11.4
296	142	Morrison (W)	296		+2	2.6	1.3	17.6
141	98	Nalgaco Brands	£91½					
78	58	Needlers	58			6.0p	6.3	9.4
245	175	Northern (Lin) (Vimto)	240			8.0	3.3	18.2
88	48	Normens	74			2.4	3.2	15.9
232	180	Nthn Foods	232			9.6	4.2	13.1
178	118	Nurdin & Peacock	172			7.5	4.4	13.5
139	73	RHM	137		+1	6.2	4.5	17.9
336	216	Ranstone Mac	288		+2	14.5	5.0	12.4
328	228	Salisbury (J)	328			14.5	4.4	14.9
41	24	Sanderson	24			1.4	5.8	
500	385	Tate & Lyle	466			23.1	5.0	8.3
244	155	Tesco	228			8.2	3.7	11.1
169	112	Unigate	148		+5	10.0	6.8	11.8
202	135	Utd Biscuits	196		+1	10.0	5.1	11.0
101	67	Watson & Philip	91			7.1	7.8	7.4

HOTELS AND CATERERS

260	239	Grand Met	260		+2	13.1	4.7	9.2
200	174	Kennedy Brookes	200			10.3	5.1	8.2
282	182	Ladbroke	260		-17	14.2	5.7	15.6
131	102	Lon Park Hotels	131			10.5	8.0	56.1
85½	59½	Mount Charlotte	85½			1.7	2.0	18.1
131	72	Prince Of W Hotels	112			1.9	3.5	19.4
141	98	Queens Moat	141		+2	2.8	2.8	24.6
271	185	Savoy Hotels 'A'	260			4.3	2.3	18.3
185	85½	Stakis	185			4.3	2.3	18.3
161	94	Trusthouse Forte	160		+2	8.6	4.2	23.6

INDUSTRIALS A – D

133	96	AAH	132		+1	9.2	6.9	9.2
288	91	ABM	196		+2	8.7	3.9	22.8
376	263	APV	376		+2	16.7	5.8	7.6
114	75	Aaronson	98			4.1	4.2	9.8
169	116	Alexandra W'wear	136			7.8	7.5	8.2
135	123	Amber Ind	135			6.4	7.5	8.2
105	78	Appledore	105			13	9.6	26.8
200	166	Arnold Comp Tech	200		+12			8.3
32	17	Arnnson	32			0.3	1.2	15.1
588	418	Armour	412			26.5	8.8	7.4
32	24	Ash & Lacey	24					14.4
142	102	Assoc Br Eng	142			1.0	0.8	27.7
288	268	Assoc Heat	288			14.5	4.0	14.8
		Assoc Telecoms				5.3		
21	14	Aurora	21		+1			8.0
1½		Do 9% Prf	1½			1.3	6.1	
265	129	Avon Rubber	265			7.1	2.4	7.1
28	18	Avonmore Meat	28					28.0
358	225	BET Dfd	358			17.9	5.0	11.7
168	117	BETEC	168			8.2	4.9	11.9
311	221	BOC	311			11.9	3.8	14.7
687	482	BTR	682			17.7	2.6	24.4
117	122	Babcock	165			10.9	7.5	8.9
31	21	Bailey (CH)	31					23.1
350	283	Baird (Wm)	348			28.5p	6.6	10.2
210	116	Baker Perkins	206			9.2p	4.5	15.6
14	4	Barclay Ind	10			0.1p	0.1	12.7
416	245	Barlow Rand	403		+13	23.9	7.2	13.4
31	21	Barlow Ropburn	31			2.2	7.1	8.2
305	205	Barton Transport	305			23.9	11.2	3.9
146	105	Bath & Portland	146			5.6	3.8	28.8
288	208	Baynes (Charles)	288			12.9	7.9	7.7
391	286	Beaumont Chums	391			15.5	4.2	16.7
110	110	Beaufort	110					
115	78	Beiler Cosmetics	115			7.9	9.8	7.8
172	115	Benlox	172			7.9	6.9	7.8
168	116	Berisford	168			9.6	5.7	5.8
275	205	Bensford (SW)	275			17.1	6.2	5.8
146	102	Bestpack	146			5.7	3.9	17.1
255	205	Bestobell	255			12.9	5.1	8.2
1090	1090	Bestwood	1090			25.0	2.3	17.5
18	14	Bevan (DF)	18			1.4	7.8	4.3
73	58	Bibby (J)	73			4.9	6.7	6.8
180	130	Bickle	180			9.6	5.3	8.2
73	58	Bilton (J)	73			4.9	6.7	6.8
88	65	Birmid Qualcast	88			5.4	6.1	7.8
268	208	Birmingham Mint	268			16.4	6.1	8.2
85	63	Black Arrow	85			3.5	4.1	8.2
385	248	Black (Peter)	385			22.3		
124	90	Blackwood Hodge	124			5.4	4.3	9.4
146	114	Blagden Ind	146			7.9	5.4	8.2
14	14	Blakiston	14			1.4	10.0	4.3
140	109	Bodycote	140			7.9	5.6	8.2
246	140	Booker McConnell	246			10.6	7.2	15.1
171	140	Boulton (Wm)	171			5.7	5.7	11.8
140	140	Bowater	140			14.3	7.9	7.7
272½	140	Bowater Ind	272½			12.1	4.7	
178	114	Braithwaite Eng	124			13.9p	10.5	16.5
146	146	Brammer	308			9.6	3.1	23.6
241	241	Brandon	241			20.0	8.3	10.1
123	123	Brengreen	123			2.9	4.1	11.9
135	135	Bridgend Process	135					
59	46	Bridon	59			4.6	7.8	6.2
135	118	Bristol-Cumany	135			4.4	3.3	11.4
138	118	Br Body & Eng Appl	138			4.4	3.3	11.4
138	118	Br Steam	138			4.4	3.3	11.4
138	118	Br Syphon	138			4.4	3.3	11.4
213	84	Br Vita	213			5.7	2.6	48.0
118	84	Broken Hill	118			5.7	2.6	48.0
195	195	Bromsgrove Cast	195			14.1	7.2	
124	124	Brone Eng	124					
135	135	Brook St Bureau	135					

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Volcker demonstrates his power again

It is a fortunate feature of the American political system that it should be so well supplied with committees before which the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Paul Volcker, can give evidence. Yesterday, with a few nicely judged sharp phrases, he again punctured a dollar bubble; his impact was magnified by market fears that central bankers would again seize the opportunity to turn a market hiccup into a hectic reversal

Before America woke up, the dollar had been riding high on the European exchanges. The pound held up reasonably well. The sterling index closed at 70.7, down only 0.1, despite some criticism of the Chancellor's management of the exchange rate from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee. But it fell enough against the dollar to trade around $1.05 before bouncing back in to close in London at $1.0730 after Mr Volcker had got to work.

What Mr Nigel Lawson had told the Treasury committee was of more significance than what the committee had to tell him. When he gave evidence on January 28, he provided three pieces of information that have influenced the financial markets ever since: he was tightening monetary policy; he did not propose to join the European Monetary System; and he did believe the Americans were committed to co-ordinated intervention. He also insisted the dollar's strength was "excessive".

All of which, says the Treasury committee, makes it "increasingly implausible" for the Chancellor to maintain he has no target for sterling. Unfortunately for Mr Lawson, it is not his word that moves currency markets against the dollar; that takes the words of Mr Volcker. Yesterday, along with the routine urging of Congress to tackle the budget deficit, Mr Volcker said that the dollar's strength had "in the past" influenced the Federal Open Market Committee to ease monetary policy; and that a decline of 10 to 15 per cent in the dollar's external value might not necessarily suggest a need for a tighter monetary policy.

This was enough to turn the dollar again. It fell six pfennigs against the German currency in New York before bouncing off the bottom again; the pound's gains, however, were much more muted than the German mark's. Mr Volcker had given the markets the jitters, but they were waiting for central bank signals to see just where to go.

Goodison goes on the PR trail

Sir Nicholas Goodison the Stock Exchange chairman, has got quite a task before him to judge from a straw poll of the 52 members of the Stock Exchange Council who approved new membership rules at a meeting on Tuesday. Most apparently believe that the changes stand little chance of getting the 75 per cent majority they need when put to a vote of the market's 4,500 members on June 4.

If they do not it will be a pity, because for all their faults, the proposals are probably about the best the six-man constitutional committee charged with drafting changes could have come up with.

Each member's share in the Stock Exchange will be split into five. Established Stock Exchange firms will be required to hold at least 50 of these shares and newcomers will have to buy at least a 100. The council rejected as too complex a scheme under which the number of shares required of each firm would be determined by size of business.

The Stock Exchange will operate a "tap", so as to put a maximum price of £2,000 on each share. In practice, this is unlikely to prove necessary since the supply of shares should greatly exceed demand. All established firms have enough partners already to satisfy, and more, the demand for 50 shares, while outsiders will find a ready market in the army of associate members.

The Stock Exchange's property and financial committee has yet to decide a lump sum entry fee for newcomers and how much they will have to pay in yearly charges. George Nissen, chairman of the constitutional committee said that the package would be designed to put an absolute maximum of £500,000 on the cost of entry. "We want as much of an open policy as possible and even to very large operators the cost could be much less", he said.

Under these proposals, associates and non-proprietorial partners of firms, who together account for more than half the present membership, will continue to have considerable voting power for many years to come. Some corporations may be tempted to buy more than their minimum number of shares to bid up their voting power or as a way of gaining a bigger share of the exchange's high-tech dealing system which could one day be floated.

Many members remain worried about the future. If American experience is anything to go by, the big marked newcomers will push them out of business, the scheme proposed does not offer any insurance should that be their fate.

Jeremy Lewis, a member of the council's constitutional committee, said that he would be holding meetings with the original ginger group of stockbrokers who helped to get him elected to the council last year. "There could be opposition. It all depends on the strength of feeling," he said. "But my initial task will be to explain the proposals".

Lloyds Bank drops 100 stockbrokers

The volcanic rumblings in and around the London stock market released another shower of lava yesterday, when it became known that Lloyds Bank has decided to drop 100 of the stockbroking firms which it has been using to execute orders on behalf of the bank's private customers. With effect from this week, the list has been trimmed to 50. While there are undoubted merits in such a tidying-up, it appears that the manner n which it was put into effect left something to be desired.

All the banks have collections of brokers who are regularly called upon by their branches round the country. The lists have grown haphazardly over the years, according to local needs and initiatives by individual branch managers. Some of our better golf clubs have played a part in the selection process.

The result is, an unnecessary proliferation of paperwork on both sides. Much of the duplication of effort was wasteful for Lloyds while some brokers found on receiving notice of termination from the bank that the business had been less than rewarding.

But inevitably there is grave disappointment among the unwanted 100, and Lloyds admitted as much yesterday. Quite a few brokers, both in London and beyond, regarded the business as a coveted feather in their cap, born of relationships dating back many years. They are understandably resentful that these links have been ended at short notice on the strength of an edict from Lloyds' head office.

Lloyds realized that this would be a difficult nettle to grasp. Some stung brokers are so upset that they are considering the guerrilla tactic of contacting their Lloyds-based clients direct, bypassing the bank. Financial advice is a two-way street: brokers, like accountants and lawyers, often have a measure of discretion in recommending their clients to one bank or another for various facilities.

Lloyds is suffering the plight of the pioneer. For its three main competitors, Barclays, National Westminster and Midland, have all made arrangements to buy leading stockbroking firms as part of the Stock Exchange revolution. None has yet taken the Lloyds' route. Sooner or later they will have to and cut more drastically into their broker lists. Indeed, there may be a case for funnelling all their securities business through a stockbroking subsidiary.

Midland Bank contains slide with £135 million profits

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Christopher Dunn

Midland Bank yesterday unveiled a much smaller drop in 1984 profits and a stronger end-year balance sheet than the City was expecting. The results still had a mixed reception. Midland's shares rose initially on the stock market before closing 12p lower at 347p.

Pretax profits were £90 million lower at £135 million because of the heavy losses already announced by Midland's Californian subsidiary Crocker National Corporation, although inclusion of a £134 million profit on a property sale softened the Crocker blow. Until recently a drop to £70 million to £90 million had been expected, and there was equal surprise at the way Midland limited the weakening in its balance sheet. The free capital ratio, which measures balance sheet strength, was only down from 4.6 to 4.4 per cent.

Sir Donald Barron, chairman, said: "We are not under immediate pressure to raise additional capital, although the bank was still exploring ways of strengthening its ratios.

These include a perpetual floating rate note issue of $200 million to $300 million which would fall within the Bank of England's emerging definition of primary capital. The issue which would include an obligation to convert into equity under extreme circumstances could be made around mid-year if conditions were right.

The bank is also considering sales of property and peripheral trade investments. It recently agreed to sell three small trade investments for nearly £20 million and asset sales could ultimately generate about £200 million.

The Midland is expeeting to see a substantial expansion of the United Kingdom market for corporate debt instiument after the radical restructuring of the London stock market in the mid-eighties. It is therefore positioning itself to capture a big slice of the new market which if successful, would help ease balance sheet pressures. The bank's recent move to by 100 per cent of W. Greenwell, the stockbroker, via Samuel Montagu, the Midland's 60 per cent owned merchant bank is linked with the bank's ambitions in this market.

Midland is prominent among British clearing banks as a



Sir Donald

lender to British industry. Last year's accounts show an increase in advances from £39 billion to £44.8 billion. A move to "securitise" corporate debt, that is permit the creation and merchandising of new negotiable loan instruments, should help it reduce the volume of advances. In turn this would alleviate pressures to raise extra finance for the loan book.

Bank officials were cautious yesterday about predicting now quickly the new market for corporate debt would develop. "But even securitising a small percentage of our advances would have a clearly beneficial effect on the balance sheet," said a Midland spokesman.

Included in Midland's 1984 results was a £222 million loss from Crocker whose bad debt provisions rocketed from £120 million to £456 million because of the need to set aside large sums against real estate and agricultural lending. Sir Donald said yesterday he could not give a categorical guarantee there would be no more exceptional charge-offs but Crocker's loan loss reserves were now among the highest of big US banks.

By contrast the rest of the Midland group turned in a strong performance.

The chary stock market reaction reflected a degree of cynicism about the way Midland included the £134 million profit on the sale of Crocker's San Francisco headquarters in the pretax figure but charged £17 million of asset write-downs and reorganization costs as an extraordinary item.

This allowed the bank to pay 25.5p dividend, unchanged as expected, out of earnings per share of 27.1p, although it still had to dip into reserves to the tune of £13 million.

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US budget defeat for President

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The slide in the dollar, caused by Mr Paul Volcker's testimony to the House budget committee came on a day in which President Reagan fought back against two defeats in Congress on his 1986 budget proposals.

The White House scheduled an afternoon briefing for Mr Reagan to issue the frist presidential veto of his second term of a $2.5 billion dollar emergency farm credit Bill to aid growers and banks faced with a record number of bankruptcies during the spring pkanting season.

At the same time Mr Reagan attempted to rally support for his military build-up after a revolt by Senate Republicans who began their work on his new budget with a vote to freeze defence spending at current levels, allowing only enough growth to keep up with inflation.

If passed by the full Senate, the Senate budget committee proposals would slash military spending by $79 billion over three years.

The White House issued a statement after the vote announcing Mr Reagan's intention to veto the "budget busting farm Bill" and to "stand firm" on his planned military build-up over the next three years.

But the Republican controlled Senate budget committee, under strong political pressure to act after weeks of inter-party fighting over the budget, continued to vote for steeper than expected cuts in Mr Reagan's proposals.

The committee voted to trim an estimated $2.9 billion dollars over three years from foreign affairs expenditures, including a sharp cut in funds for the US Export-Import Bank.

Mr Lawton Chiles, a Democrat from Florida, proposed a foreign affairs compromise accepted by the full committee which reduced a wide range of foreign affairs expenditures but did not cut Mr Reagan's proposals or make reductions in African famine relief.

The budget voted out by the full committee will be sent to the full Senate over the next two weeks if all goes as planned.

It is also expected to include a controversial elimination of cost of living increases for social security recipients, another measure President Reagan opposes.

It is by no means certain that the full Senate will accept the committees proposals

£113m leap in BTR profit sets record

By Ian Griffiths

BTR beat the City's and even its own forecasts yesterday when it reported record pretax profits of £284 million for 1984, up from £171 million.

Sir Owen Green, BTR's chairman, had forecast profits of £270 million when he launched his £33 million bid for Dunlop in January, but record performances from all business segments and all regions helped push the final outcome above his expectations.

A substantial part of the improvement came from the businesses acquired when Thomas Tilling was taken over for £660 million in 1983. Under BTR's management margins have been improved and there are still benefits to come.

Sir Owen said: "This isn't a one-off improvement. These businesses are now developing their own impetus." Sales increased from £1,970 million to £3,487 million although the comparison is a little distorted since Tilling was consolidated for only six months in 1983.

Shareholders were rewarded with a final dividend of 7.25p making 13p for the year against 8.5p last time. BTR also announced a one-for-one capitalization which should help make the shares more marketable.

The performance pleased the City and the share price rose 28p at tone stage to 272p although some of the increase was shed later for it to close up 20p at 264p. Some analysts were last night forecasting profits of £330 million in 1985 and £370 million in 1986.

The announcement of the results had been brought forward by a week and stole some of the thunder from Dunlop which confirmed yesterday that negotiations for the disposal of its US tyre interests had reached an advanced stage.

The sale to a group of US investors, including the local management, would raise around $120 million (£113 million) and the buyers would also take on the company's debts of around $75 million.

If the deal goes through it will be an important boost for Dunlop chairman Sir Michael Edwardes. Not only will it help reduce the company's debt but it will also improve the group's earnings.

Dunlop had debts of around £433 million in November but this amount has been steadily whittled away as proceeds from disposals have come in.

The US deal may force the Dunlop board to rethink its plan to raise a further £140 million from a rights issue.

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Pretax profit of £15m at News Int

By William Kay

News International, the British subsidiary of News Corporation of Australia, whose London publications include *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*, yesterday announced that pretax profits for the half-year to December 31 were £15,406,000, compared with £18,653,000 in the same period of the previous year. Turnover was £8 million higher, at £231,272,000.

But after £20,138,000 profit from extraordinary items, there was an imparovement at the attributable level from a loss of £18,793,000 to a profit of £32,403,000. The main extraordinary item in the latest period was the profit on the disposal of shares in the St Regis Corporation of the US.

The lower pretax profit figure "is due to some industrial problems, and also to higher finance charges", said a statement. Higher profit from trading is expected in the second half of the financial year.

News International's interim dividend has increased from 3.5415p to 5.2545p per share.

News Corporation, announced yesterday that net profits for the six months to December 31 rose from $A52.26 million (£33.71 million) to $A58.36 million.

IN BRIEF

GA profits fall £61m

General Accident, the composite insurer, announced worse than expected year end results yesterday with pretax profits down £61.7 million to £3.9 million compared with £65.6 million in 1983. Bad weather and rising claims forced underwriting losses up by £118.1 million to £268.3 million although investment income grew by £53.7 million to £266.2 million.

The company was hit by a sharply higher claims frequency, particularly on its motor account in the second half of last year. Losses on its homeowners account also grew. Underwriting losses also increased in the US, where the rising dollar exacerbated losses in commercial and motor insurance. Tempus, page 17

Talks on UPI rescue plan

The future of United Press International, the world's biggest privately-owned news service, was still in the balance last night as its owners and creditors remained locked in rescue talks.

UPI is still under threat from one of its creditors, the Foothill Capital Group, which is owed £7 million, to force it into bankruptcy unless the owners agree to the restructuring proposals.

Share sale

The Courtauld Pension Fund has sold its 2 million shares in Stock Conversion and Investment Trust for what is believed to be 450p a share, showing a 30p a share profit. An unnamed investment trust has bought the stake

£32m coffee loan

A consortium of British banks has given Kenya's coffee board a £32 million loan to finance held-over coffee stocks after a record 130,000-ton crop in 1983/84.

Poland has asked Western creditor governments for fresh loans to help it meet the terms of an agreement it reached with them in January to reschedule its debts.

Merger off

The proposed merger between the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy has been shelved indefinitely.

New governor

The Malaysian Government yesterday appointed Daluk Jaffar Hussein as the new governor of the country's Central Bank, a week after Datuk Aziz Taha's abrupt resignation

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Wheelock in trouble

By Graham Searjeant

The screws tightened round Wheelock Marden in Hong Kong yesterday as Wheelock "A" shares closed lower than the apparently winning take-over bid from Sir Yuekong Pao's Hongkong Wharf, which already speaks for a near-controlling interest

Wheelock has decided to reject desperate pleas for financial aid from its troubled 50 per cent-owned shipping offshoot, Wheelock Maritime, during the bid, forcing Wheelock Maritime's board to suspend trading in its shares.

Wheelock Maritime, which was planning a capital re-organization, now says it is in a critical financial position and its directors are "urgently considering the situation with their advisers".

Wheelock has already written off its interest in Maritime. Disagreements over the future of the shipping interests led to the original split between Mr John Marden and Mr John Cheung, the former main shareholders, who respectively sold out to two rival bidders for Wheelock.

Sir Yuekong is regarded as the world's leading private shipowner.

BNOC in spot sales

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister, yesterday confirmed oil industry suggestions that only a small proportion of the 800,000 barrels of North Sea oil that the British National Oil Corporation buys in each day is then sold on contract terms at its official price of $28.65 a barrel.

Giving evidence to the Commons Energy Select Committee now investigating further government funding of BNOC, he said that in 1984 about 25 per cent of BNOC oil sales were on contract and that figure had now fallen.

Oil industry analysts estimate that as little as 20,000 barrels a day are now being sold by BNOC at the official price. The remaining oil is sold on the spot market at a loss.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	990.4(+8.4)
FT-A All Share	619.26(+4.47)
FT Govt Securities	80.02(-0.13)
FT-SE 100	1285.4(+10.5)
Bargains: 24,568	
Datastream USM	N/A(–)
New York	
Dow Jones	1290.63(-1.21)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	2,498.67(+22.29)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1383.28(+15.34)
Amsterdam:	206.8(+2.0)
Sydney: AO	797.6(-0.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1201.8(+6.7)
Brussels:	
General	308.23(+18.57)
Paris: CAC	205.6(+1.0)
Zurich:	
SKA General	342.90(+2.40)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $286.70pm-$287.40
close $287-$287.5 (£271.75-272.25)
New York: $290.50
Comex (latest)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Acorn Computers	28 +12
Selec TV	15 +3
Intervis. Video	8 +1
Dunlop	51 +6½
Vosper	206 +20
Morris Fine Art	27 +2½
F. H. Tompkins	179 +15
Sangers	49 +4
Grampian Hldgs	116 +9
Heywood Williams	140 +10
UEI	196 +14
BL	45 +3
Runciman	94 +6
Airflow	32 +2
B.Elliott	72 +4½
Radio City	33 +2

FALLS:

Burnett & Hallam	50 –10
Lex Service	197 –30
Biochemicals	17 –2
Howard March	11 –1
Resource Tech	34 –3
Turriff Corp	273 –22
Metal Sciences	15 –1
Pineapple Dance	61 –4

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.0730 (+0.0138)
£: DM 3.6250 (–0.0007)
£: Sw Fr 3.09 (–0.0015)
£: F Fr 11.0660 (–0.0006)
£: Yen 277.00 (+0.90)
£ Index: 70.7 (–0.1)

New York:
£: $1.0667
$: DM 3.3975
$ Index: 156.8 (+1.0)
ECU £0.613515
SDR £0.896244

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 14 1/16 - 14
3-month eligible bills 13 17/32 - 13 15/16 buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8 1/2
3-month Treasury Bills 8.62 - 8.58
Long bond 95 9/32 - 95 11/32 yield

WALL STREET

	Mar 5	Mar 4
AMF Inc	16⅞	17
AMR	41⅞	42⅛
Allied Corp	39⅞	39⅝
Allied Stores	54½	54½
Allis Chalmers	7	7⅛
Alcoa	36½	38
Amax Inc	17⅝	17⅝
Amerada Hess	28⅝	28⅝
Am Brands	68⅜	68⅜
Am Broadcast	57⅞	57⅞
Am Can	50⅝	50⅝
Am Cyanamid	53⅝	54⅝
Am Elec Power	20⅝	20⅛
Am Home	58½	57⅝
Am Motors	3½	3⅝
Am Nat Res	61½	60
Am Standard	33⅛	33½
Am Telephone	21⅞	21½
Armco Steel	10	10
Asarco	24½	24½
Ashland Oil	29½	29⅞
Atlantic Richfield	48⅝	47⅞
Avco	49⅞	49⅞
Avon Products	22⅝	22⅞
Bankers Tst NY	62⅝	62½
Bankamerica	19½	19⅝
Bank of Boston	43⅞	43½
Bank of NY	39⅜	39⅞
Beatrice Foods	30⅜	30½
Bethlehem Steel	17⅜	17⅝
Boeing	65½	65⅝
Boise Cascade	40⅞	40⅞
Borden	68⅝	67⅞
Borg Warner	22	21⅝
Bristol Myers	55⅞	55⅛
BP	23⅛	23
Burlington Ind	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	54½	54½
Burroughs	69⅜	69⅜
Campbell Soup	68⅛	67⅝
Canadian Pacific	45⅜	44⅜
Caterpillar	32⅛	32⅞
Celanese	93½	93½
Central Soya	19⅝	19⅞
Champion	22⅝	22⅜
Chase Manhat	32⅝	32½
Chem Bank NY	39⅝	39⅝
Chevron	34⅜	34⅝
Chrysler	33⅛	32⅞
Citicorp	41⅞	42
Clark Equip	30⅛	30½
Coca Cola	65¾	66
Colgate	23⅝	23½
CBS	85⅞	85⅜
Columbia Gas	29⅞	30⅛
Combustion Eng	36⅛	36⅝
Comwlth Edison	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Edison	30⅜	30⅝
Cons Foods	35⅛	35
Cons Power	6⅛	6⅛
Control Data	35⅝	35⅛
Corning Glass	37⅛	38⅛
CPC Intl	42⅛	42⅛
Crane	34⅛	34⅝
Crocker Int	25⅝	25½
Crown Zeller	35⅛	33½
Dart & Kraft	92½	92⅛
Deere	31⅞	31⅝
Delta Air	45⅝	46⅛
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15⅝
Digital Equip	109⅞	109⅛
Disney	76¾	77⅛
Dow Chemical	29⅞	30
Dresser Ind	21⅞	21
Duke Power	30⅛	30⅛
Du Pont	53⅛	53
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	70	69⅞
Eaton Corp	58⅛	58⅝
Emerson Elect	75⅞	76
Evans Prod	2⅛	3

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Exxon Corp	49⅛	48⅝
Fed Dept Stores	55⅞	55⅝
Firestone	18⅛	18⅝
Fst Chicago	23⅜	23½
Fst Intrst Bncp	46⅞	48⅛
Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7⅝
Ford	45⅛	45⅛
GAF Corp	29⅛	29
GTE Corp	43⅜	43⅝
Gen Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Gen Dynamics	73⅛	82⅝
Gen Electric	63⅝	63⅝
Gen Foods	60⅛	60⅛
Gen Mills	55	55⅛
Gen Motors	79⅝	79⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	12⅝	12⅜
Genesco	5⅛	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	24⅞	25⅛
Gillette	58⅛	57⅞
Goodrich	28⅝	29⅜
Goodyear	28	28
Gould Inc	24⅞	24⅞
Grace	41⅛	41⅛
Gt Attic & Pacific	16	16⅛
Greyhound	27⅛	28⅛
Grumman Corp	28⅝	29⅛
Gulf & West	33⅝	33⅛
Heinz H. J.	47⅛	47⅛
Hercules	35	35
Honeywell	64	65
IC Inds	31⅛	32⅛
Ingersoll	49⅛	48⅝
Inland Steel	25⅞	25⅛
IBM	135	135
Int Harvester	10⅜	10⅞
INCO	13½	13½
Int Paper	49⅝	50⅝
Int Tel Tel	32⅛	32⅝
Irving Bank	33	33⅜
Jim Walter	34⅝	35
Johnson & John	39⅞	39⅝
Kaiser Alumin	14⅛	14⅞
Kerr McGee	32⅝	31½
Kimberly Clark	49⅝	49⅝
K Mart	35⅛	35⅞
Kroger	40⅛	40⅛
LTV Corp	11½	11⅝
Litton	69⅞	70½
Lockheed	52⅛	52⅝
Lucky Stores	19⅝	19⅝
Manuf Hanover	38⅝	38½
Manville Cp	7⅛	7½
Mapco	31⅞	31⅞
Marine Midland	33	33½
Martin Marietta	51¾	52⅝
McDonnell	83⅝	83⅝
Mead	38½	38⅝
Merck	99⅛	98½
Minnesota Mng	84⅝	83½
Mobil Oil	30½	29⅞
Monsanto	44⅝	44⅝
Morgan J. P.	49⅞	48
Motorola	33⅝	34
NCR Corp	29⅞	30½
NL Industries	11⅜	11⅜
Nabisco	54⅝	54½
Nat Distillers	25⅜	25⅞
Nat Med Ent	27⅝	27⅝
Norfolk South	65	65½
NW Bancorp	25⅝	25⅝
Occidental Pet	26½	26⅞
Ogden	31½	31⅝
Olin Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Owens-Illinois	41⅞	41⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	17⅝	17½
Pan Am	4	4⅛
Penney J. C.	48½	48⅝
Pennzoil	47⅞	46½
Pepsico	49	48
Pfizer	41⅛	41½
Phelps Dodge	19½	19½
Philip Morris	93½	93⅝
Phillips Petrol	48⅝	48⅞
Polaroid	28	28½
PPG Ind	38	38½
Procter Gamble	57⅞	57⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	25⅞	25⅝
Raytheon	46⅝	47
RCA Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Reynolds Ind	83½	83½
Reynolds Metal	37⅝	38½
Rockwell Int	37⅝	37⅛
Royal Dutch	53	53
Safeways	33⅝	33
SFE Sopac	27⅞	27⅝
SCM	50	49½
Schlumberger	41½	42
Scott Paper	37⅞	38½
Seagram	42⅝	42⅝
Sears Roebuck	35⅝	35½
Shell Oil	59⅝	59⅝
Shell Trans	33⅜	33½
Signal Co	31⅛	31⅞
Singer	37	36⅝
Smithkline Beck	62⅜	61⅝
Sonv	18⅞	18⅛
Sth Cal Edison	22½	22½
Sperry Corp	51⅝	51½
Std Oil Indiana	62½	62⅝
Std Oil Ohio	45½	45⅝
Sterling Drug	28⅜	28⅝
Stevens J. P.	19⅝	19⅝
Sun Comp	51	49½
Teledyne	264½	270½
Tenneco	40⅛	40⅝
Texaco	35⅛	35⅝
Texas East Corp	31⅝	31
Texas Inst	108½	110⅛
Texas Utilities	29⅝	29⅞
Textron	42⅜	42½
TWA	34½	35
Travelers Corp	43⅝	44⅛
TRW Inc	80⅝	78⅝
UAL Inc	47⅜	47⅛
Union Carbide	39½	39½
Unocal	48	45⅞
Un Pacific Corp	49⅝	49⅛
Uniroyal	15⅞	16
United Brands	13⅛	13½
US Steel	28⅛	28⅛
Utd Technol	43⅝	44½
Wachovia	31⅝	32
Warner Lambert	36⅛	37⅜
Wells Fargo	53⅞	53⅝
Westinghse Elec	31½	31⅞
Weyerhauser	30⅛	30⅝
Whirlpool	46½	47⅞
Woolworth	40⅝	39⅞
Xerox Corp	45⅝	45½
Zenith	22⅜	22½

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	51½	49⅝
Alcan Alumin	39⅛	38⅞
Algoma Steel	21	20½
Bell Telephone	38½	39½
Can Pacific	63⅝	62⅝
Cominco	14½	13⅞
Cons Bathurst	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	18⅝	17⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	22	22
Hudson Bay Min	77	75½
Imasco	53⅝	53⅝
Imperial Oil	45½	46⅜
Int Pipe	34	33¾
Mass.-Fergsn	4.05	4.00
Royal Trustco	19	19
Seagram	59⅝	58⅞
Steel Co	23⅝	23
Thomson N 'A'	25½	25½
Walker Hiram	28½	27⅝
WCT	15½	15½

● Ex div a Ask'd c Ex distribution h Bid k Market closed n New issue p Stock split t Traded y Unquoted.

Dow waits for Volcker

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Shares were slowly recovering in active dealings yesterday. But in early trading they were still down on the day.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.21 point to 1,290.64, compared with an early drop of nearly four points. Declines were about 7-to-6 over advances.

Mr Keith S. Hertell, vice-president for institutional block trades at Drexel Burnham Lambert, said: "The bond market is not too exciting while people are sitting back to see what the chairman of Federal Reserve Board, Mr Paul Volcker, has to say."

Mr Hertell said: The institutions are active in a real tug of war. They are both selling and buying with the buyers concerned about moving into quality stocks that promise earnings growth. They want the top companies in each group".

Schering-Plough fell 2⅛ to 38¾ after First Boston analyst Mr Ronald Stern, put out a sell recommendation reportedly because a competitor, Hofman-Laroche, filed a patent for Alpha Interferon. This indication of strong competition for Alpha Interferon, a key product for Schering, took the "sizzle" out of the stock.

International Business Machines was down ⅛ at 134½; General Motors up ⅛ at 63½; Teledyne down ¾ at 264; Texas Instruments down 1¾ to 107½; Merck up ⅜ to 99⅝; McDonnell Douglas down 1⅛ to 82

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

COFFEE

Mar	2395–85
May	2435–33
Jly	2473–72
Sep	2505–04
Nov	2489–85
Jan	2482–75
Mar	2470–60
Vol	397/2028

GAS OIL

Mar	23300–3250
Apr	22275–2250
May	21975–1950
Jne	21800–1750
Jly	21825–1800
Aug	22200–1700
Sep	22700–1700
Oct	23200–1700
Nov	23700–1700
Vol	NIL/2319

SUGAR

May	117.2–17.0
Aug	125.2–24.8
Oct	133.0–32.6
Dec	140.0–39.0
Mar	154.4–54.2
May	165.0–63.4
Aug	170.0–68.0
Vol	785

COCOA

Mar	2108–00
May	2068–67
Jly	2066–65
Sep	2058–52
Dec	1990–79
Mar	1978–75
May	1980–85
Vol	3 at 15 tonnes

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1282.50–1285.50
Three months	1295.50–1300.0
T/O	23,275
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1272.0–1274.0
Three months	1283.0–1295.0
T/O	NR
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	10225–10230
Three months	10230–10235
T/O	395
Tone	Steady

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	10235–10245
Three months	10240–10250
T/O	100
Tone	Quiet

RUBBER

Apr	730–690
May	740–700
Jun	750–710
Jul	760–720
Aug	770–730
Sep	780–740
Oct	790–750
Nov	800–760
Dec	810–770
Apr/Jun	745–700
Jul/Sep	775–730
Oct/Dec	805–760
Vol	3 at 15 tonnes

LEAD

Cash	327.0–327.50
Three months	336–336.50
T/O	2,225
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	928–929
Three months	908–909
T/O	12,100
Tone	Steady, quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	836.0–840.0
Three months	836.0–840.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE

Cash	534–535
Three months	553.0–553.5
T/O	81
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	534.0–535.0
Three months	558.0–553.5
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	1028–1028.50
Three months	1084.50–1085.0
T/O	5,375
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4855–4865
Three months	4890–4900
T/O	108
Tone	Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
There were no dealings in the London Gold Futures Market yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 6:
GB: Cattle, 94.54p per kg lw (+0.03).
GB: Sheep, 186.45p per kg est d c w (+18.60).
GB: Pigs, 77.35p per kg lw (–2.54).
England and Wales: Cattle nos. up 5.5 per cent, ave. price, 94.71p (+0.31). Sheep nos. up 0.5 per cent, ave. price, 186.43p (+18.48). Pig nos. down 5.0 per cent, ave. price, 77.36p (–2.54).
Scotland: Cattle nos. up 12.8 per cent, ave. price, 93.71p (+0.25). Sheep nos. down 6.0 per cent, ave. price, 179.90p (+20.14).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£114.05	£113.25
May	£117.95	£116.90
Jul	£121.40	–
Sep	£97.10	£96.80
Nov	£100.40	£100.40
Jan	£104.20	£104.15

Total lots traded
Wheat 210
Barley 26

APPOINTMENTS

Royal Insurance: Sir John Nott, chairman of Lazard Brothers and Co, has been appointed a director.

Counter Products Marketing: Mr Jim Addison has been named managing director.

Gold Fields: Mr Campbell McC Anderson has been made a non-executive director from April 15.

Postal Centres (International): Mr John Lowe has been appointed director for sales and development.

Datasense Group: Mr Craig Robin has become financial director.

Crocker National Bank: Mr Nigel Henley is made managing director of the international capital markets group, based in HongKong.

Dixons Group: Mr Eddy Styring is appointed managing director of Dixons, Mr Ian Beard as managing director of Dixons Colour Laboratories, and Mr Nick Lightowler as purchasing director of Currys.

Fitch & Co Design Consultants: Mr Giles Marking, Mr Bryan Green, Mr Richard Pullen and Mr John Besford have joined the main board.

Granada TV Rental: Mr Maurice Marks joins the board as director of management services.

Firth Furnishings: Mr D S Butler will be appointed chairman on April 1 and Mr P W Berry will become managing director.

Associated Newspapers Holdings: Mr Derek J Allison has been appointed to the board.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

It was a very slow day around the money markets. The pound continued to struggle as the chances of yet higher US interest rates firmly underpinned the dollar, while the lack of saleable paper was becoming more and more of a problem

With the budget approaching, also, there were few operators willing to commit themselves. So-period rates edged up about 1/16 per cent at the outset and stayed there for the rest of a depressed session.

Overnight money reached 14¾ per cent just before the bank's lending in the afternoon, but slipped back to around 12 per cent at the close.

Bank Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 14⅜ Low 10⅜
Week fixed: 14

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 13⅝	2 months 13⅜
3 months 13½	3 months 13¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13⅝–13½ 2 months 13⅝–13⅜
3 months 13⅝–13½ 6 months 12⅝–12½

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14⅜ 2 months 14⅛
3 months 14⅛ 6 months 13⅞

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14⅛ close 12
1 week 14⅛–14⅜ 6 months 13⅝–13½
1 month 14⅛–14⅜ 9 months 13½–13
3 months 14⅛–14 12 months 13–12⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14⅛ 7 days 14⅜
1 month 14 3 months 13⅝
6 months 13⅜ 12 months 12⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 14⅝–14⅜ 2 months 14⅛–14
3 months 14⅝–14⅛ 6 months 13⅝–13⅜
9 months 13½–13⅛ 12 months 13⅛–12⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14⅝–14⅜ 3 months 14–13⅞
6 months 13⅝–13⅜ 12 months 12⅝–12⅜

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	8⅛–7⅛	
7 days	8⅛–8	1 month	8–7⅞
3 months	8⅛–8	6 months	10⅛–10
Deutschemark	call	5–4⅞	
7 days	6⅛–6	1 month	6⅛–6
3 months	6¼–6⅛	6 months	6⅝–6½
French Franc	call	11–10	
7 days	10⅞–10⅝	1 month	10⅝–10⅜
3 months	11⅛–11	6 months	12–11⅞
Swiss Franc	call	3⅝–3½	
7 days	3⅝–3½	1 month	3⅝–3½
3 months	5⅛–5	6 months	5–4⅞
Yen	call	6¼–6	
7 days	6⅝–6½	1 month	6⅝–6½
3 months	6⅞–6⅝	6 months	6⅝–6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $285–286.50 (£229.50–231)
Sovereigns* (new): $88.50–89.50 (£64.75–65.75)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 February 1985, to 5 March 1985, inclusive: 13.883 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The market spent a confusing day in which any currency movements were strongly exaggerated in the extremely thin trading conditions.

The pound ended well ahead on the day at $1.0730 ($1.592) against the dollar after a brief late flurry.

The pattern for the day was of a gently firming dollar until mid morning when reports began to circulate of some corporate selling of dollars.

Although it was smallscale, it had a dramatic effect on the market and the dollar came back again.

Some dealers attributed the late recovery of the Europeans to the contents by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US federal Reserve, that the Fed had been less restrictive because of the strong dollar, and that the US budget deficit had to be cut

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
	March 6	March 6		
New York	$1.0495-1.0750	$1.0720-1.0740	0.49-0.44c prem	1.12-1.07c prem
Montreal	$1.4040-1.4905	$1.4045-1.4075	0.42-0.30c prem	0.84-0.69c prem
Amsterdam	4.0835-4.1169fl	4.0867-4.1012fl	2¾-2¼c prem	6¾-6¼c prem
Brussels	72.86-73.38fr	72.71-72.89fr	27-21c prem	64-55c prem
Copenhagen	12.9200-12.9670k	12.9417-12.9707k	3¾-2¾ore prem	8¾-7¾ore prem
Dublin	1.1601-1.1675p	1.1650-1.1660p	6 prem-12p disc	8 prem-36p disc
Frankfurt	3.6065-3.6356m	3.6215-3.6278m	2¾-2¼pf prem	7-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	166.00-169.20e	166.89-166.75e	170-500c disc	475-1325e disc
Madrid	199.80-200.80p	200.31-200.75p	45-15p disc	95-150p disc
Milan	2240.00-2275.00lr	2242.50-2256.50lr	1 prem-2lr disc	4-9lr disc
Oslo	10.2100-10.4000k	10.3521-10.3996k	1¾-1¼ore prem	3¾-2¾ore prem
Paris	11.0240-11.1360f	11.0607-11.0623f	3¾-2¾c prem	7¼-6¼c prem
Stockholm	10.2080-10.3545k	10.3570-10.3240k	1¼-¾ore prem	1-¼ore prem
Tokyo	274.16-277.58y	276.82-277.43y	2-1¼y prem	5¼-3y prem
Vienna	25.30-25.65sch	25.43-25.57sch	18½-16½gro prem	46½-43½gro prem
Zurich	3.0784-3.1000f	3.0854-3.0951f	2¾-2¼c prem	6¾-6¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 70.7 (day's range 70.6–70.8).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9115-0.9135
Singapore	2.2720-2.2900
Malaysia	2.5685-2.6015
Australia	0.6850-0.6900
Canada	1.4019-1.4030
Sweden	9.67-9.69
Norway	9.75-9.77
Denmark	12.2400-12.2460
West Germany	3.3725-3.3825
Switzerland	2.8950-2.9050
Netherlands	3.8073-3.8705
France	10.34-10.40
Japan	267.25-291.40
Italy	2106-2105
Belgium(Comm)	57.75-68.00
Hong Kong	7.8035-7.8050
Portugal	166-167.50
Spain	169.85-190.15
Austria	24.13-24.16

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	290.13-290.68
Australia dollar	1.5425-1.5472
Bahrain dinar	0.3945-0.3995
Brazil cruzeiro*	4226-4252
Cyprus pound	0.7225-0.7325
Finland marka	7.4715-7.5715
Greece drachma	150.20-152.20
Hong Kong dollar	8.3028-8.3202
India rupee	13.80-14.09
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3210-0.3260
Malaysia dollar	2.7648-2.7722
Mexico peso	235-260
New Zealand dollar	2.2282-2.2903
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.77-3.81
Singapore dollar	2.4237-2.4305
South Africa rand	2.1260-2.1363
United Arab Emirates dirham	3.8425-3.8825

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 85	86.08	86.09	86.05	86.05	237
Jun 85	87.50	87.55	87.45	87.48	894
Sep 85	88.50	88.55	88.46	88.48	52
Dec 85	88.48	88.48	88.40	88.38	10
Sep 85	–	–	–	88.80	–

Previous day's total open interest 9642

Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.33	90.37	90.27	90.29	831
Jun 85	89.35	89.38	89.23	89.24	4860
Sep 85	88.88	88.89	88.75	88.75	486
Dec 85	88.48	88.50	88.37	88.37	238
Mar 85	88.17	88.17	88.17	88.08	15

Previous day's total open interest 16224

US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	69-09	69-13	69-07	69-12	227
Jun 85	68-11	68-17	68-06	68-14	1291
Sep 85	NT	–	–	–	–
Dec 85	NT	–	–	–	–

Previous day's total open interest 2036

Long Gilt					
Mar 85	103-19	103-30	103-19	103-26	268
Jun 85	104-10	104-23	104-07	104-18	1224
Sep 85	–	–	–	106-05	–
Dec 85	–	–	–	107-12	0
Mar 85	NT	–	–	106-01	0

Previous day's total open interest 4359

FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	127.15	128.20	127.15	128.00	272
Jun 85	128.30	128.50	128.30	128.50	272
Mar 85	–	–	–	128.70	0

Previous day's total open interest 1579

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
178	119	Aberdeen	178		7.5	4.2	
161	98	Alba	160		2.8a	2.0	
685	458	Alliance	685		20.7	3.0	
155	89½	Anglo Amer Trust	153	+1	3.5	2.3	
365	218	Anglo Amer Sec	362		11.7	3.2	
457	310	Ashdown	455		11.7	2.6	
120	75	Atlantic Assets	116		6.7	5.8	
101	67	Bankers	101		3.5	3.5	
164	108	Berry	161		4.4	2.7	
212	117	Border & Slthrn	212		4.7	2.2	
107	79	Br Amer Gen	106		3.7	3.5	
218	140½	Br Assets	214		8.7a	4.0	
207½	209	Br Empire Sec	207		8.7	4.2	
371	251	British Inv	365		15.8a	4.3	
75	55	Bronner	75		2.9	3.9	
97	68	Charter Agency	97		3.1b	3.2	
569	410	Continental	569		25.7b	4.5	
178	125	Crescent Japan	177		1.1	0.7	
466	276	Delta	466				
169	80	Derby Inc	168		10.2	10.2	
104	70	Do Cap	102		4.2	4.1	
296	241	Drayton Cons	292		12.7	4.4	
148	99	Drayton Far East	144		1.5	1.1	
488	332	Drayton Japan	488		15.6	3.2	
412	290	Drayton Premier	406		10.2	2.5	
174	140	Dundee Lon	174		6.7	3.9	
235	148	Edin Amer Assets	228		1.3	0.6	
116	82	Edinburgh	116		5.7	4.9	
296	210	Electric Gen	296		4.8b	1.6	
251	182	English Int	251		9.8b	3.9	
78	66	English Scot	77		1.8	2.3	
195	68	English NY	195		2.4	1.2	
98	68	F & C Alliance	95		2.4	2.5	
167	117	F&C Pacific	162		5.0b	3.1	
204	168	Fleming	204		8.4	4.6	
278	194	First Scot Amer	270		12.2b	4.5	
240	168	First Ulr Gen	170		8.7	5.1	
500	342	Fleming American	500		7.5	1.5	
288	185	Fleming Claver	282		12.4	4.4	
328	226	Fleming Enterprise	324		11.1	3.4	
328	226	Fleming Far East	324		2.9	0.9	
197	93	Fleming Fledgling	197		0.8	0.4	
260	200	Fleming Japan	260		4.5	1.7	
117	89	Fleming Mercantile	117		3.3	2.8	
134	92	Fleming Overseas	129		3.3b	2.6	
168	119½	Fleming Tech	162		3.1	1.9	
234	216	Fleming Universal	232		9.6	2.5	
148	99	For Co	146		3.6	2.5	
121	88	GBC Capital	116				
185	128	GT Japan	184	+1	2.6b	1.1	
488	453	General Funds	488		13.6	2.8	
557	184	General Cons	556		13.1	2.1	

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
121	77	Glasgow Stock	121		2.9	2.4	
278	197	Globe	278		12.9	4.7	
216	176	Greenfrier	216		2.3	1.1	
275	187½	Gresham House	275		5.4	2.0	
187	114	Hambros	187		5.4	2.9	
254	157	Hill (P)	252		15.2	5.9	
588	380	Invest-In Success	588		7.5b	1.4	
288	260	Ivy Cap	288		5.3	1.8	
93	60½	Jersey Wrnts	90		1.2	1.3	
231	215	Lake View	174		6.4	2.9	
191	160	Law Debenture	191		7.1b	3.7	
98	84	Law Mortgage Sec	98		3.4	3.5	
109	89	Lon Trust	108		2.9	2.7	
97	70	Manchester	97		5.4b	5.5	
178	121	Mercantile	178		6.2b	3.5	
118	88	Murray Income	117		3.4b	2.9	
98	68	Murray Growth	98		2.6b	2.7	
138	98	Murray Int	138		4.8b	3.5	
166	132	Murray Smalls	166		6.3	3.8	
297	223	Murray Venture	297		8.3	2.8	
280	205	New Court	280		20.4	7.3	
78	58	New Darien Ord	78		0.4e	0.5	
177	139	NSS	176		7.9	4.5	
47	34	Nthrn Ind Inv Bd	37½		3.2b	8.5	
219	164	New Tokyo	219	+1	2.7	1.2	
284	223	Nth Atlantic Sec	284		4.8	1.4	
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	113		0.7	0.6	
39	24	Nthrn Amer	39	+½	7.7	2.7	
137	97	Outwich	137		4.1	2.7	
41	24	Pacific Assets	41		0.5	1.4	
331	243

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Good news on profits brings sparkle to equity prices

By Pam Spooner

Stock markets came to life yesterday as the week's succession of good trading news – with the exception of Royal Insurance – brought heart to investors.

Having seen improved profitability at National Westminster Bank and Unilever, better than expected results at Midland Bank also helped confidence in equities. Investors too looked forward to today's news from British Petroleum: the market always likes the sound of profits in the billion category, and BP was cheerfully expected to produce £1300 million of profits.

Top-30 shares showed plenty of life, with the index rising 8.4 points to 990.4. BP itself rose confidently to 548p, up 7p.

The FT-SE 100 share market showed steady progress throughout the day, the gain rising from 4 points at 10am to 11.4 points at 5 pm; although there was some tailing off in after hours trading.

Gilts had a quiet day, trading close to overnight levels, as sterling showed more firmness on foreign exchange markets. World oil trading stayed subdued, though spot prices were marginally higher.

Buying action was spread widely across the share lists, although leading equitites attracted much of the demand.

Beecham Group shares were lifted 15p to 366p by a profits forecast upgrading from Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker. At one stage the City firm's enthusiasm helped push the price to 373p.

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, the engineering group, also got a boost from broker support. Quilter, Goodison favours the shares following news that GKN is to join up with the British Steel Corporation on special steels operations. GKN is expected to run the joint business, putting its expertise to good use, so far as improving profits at the nationalised industry is concerned. The move will not do GKN any harm either. GKN rose to 219p at one point, before settling for a 3p gain to 216p.

Jaguar shares were also on the move, gaining 10p to 357p. Persistent weakness in the value of sterling against the dollar is helping profits for the cars group, and American buyers are also chasing the shares. For the past two days London brokers have seen US investors picking up stock.

Jaguar reports its full year figures in the next account, and City men now expect the 1984 total to come out around £95 million forecast at the time of last August's market flotation. For 1985, brokers are looking for as much as £130 million, as long as the exchange rate situations does not alter too rapidly.

GEC has been giving more of its cash mountain back to shareholders. It announced that on Tuesday £17.7 million was paid buying in 9 million of its own shares at 197p each.

Three months ago it bought in 40 million shares at 228p each costing just over £90 million.

The difference between the two buying sprees was that the first was aggresive, the second merely an offer to take shares from share holders who wished to sell.

The price closed unchanged last night at 198p and although the offer was still open, there were few takers yesterday. The decision on whether GEC is a buyer of shares will be taken daily.

Royal Bank of Scotland added 8p to 260p on news that Charterhouse Japhet Credit, part of its new investment bank subsidiary, is buying Henlys Lease from the Midepsa, the Canadian investment vehicle of Mr Michael Ashcroft and Mr David Wickins. Charterhouse paid £1.5 million cash. At the end of last December, Henlys leassing business had a hire fleet with a written down value of £9.76 million. In the 15 months to December 1984, pre-tax profits of Henlys leave came out at £648,000.

Ranks Hovis McDougall received a lift from a meeting with Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker, yesterday. City men began buying the shares late on Tuesday and continued to chase the stock in belief that the brokers were hearing optimistic trading news. Ranks' share price gained 4p to 137p.

Market interest in Unigate is reviving after last week's move by Mr Chris Ball from his post as managing director of the dairy holdings subsidiary. Investors see the shares as worth a gamble: the change in management might be good or bad news, and the "punters" are looking for the former. The shares rose 5p to 148p. Bid speculation also stays with Unigate.

Market interest in a rumoured buyer of a large chunk of Royal Bank stock remains high. The shares, available following the recent rights issue, are reckoned to have gone to two buyers through Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker.

City men suggest that Lloyds Bank, despite its understanding with the Department of Trade on reducting its stake in Royal, has picked up some of the stock. And there are also hopes that Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, which bid for Royal three years ago, is back on the scene.

Share prices in the print, paper and packaging sector jumped ahead yesterday as a round of good news got the sector bubbling. **Bunzl** shares gained 15p to 468p as City optimism about the group continued: news of recorganization of its merchanting division helped the price. Mr Peter Large, analyst a Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, reckons the Bunzl price could reach £6 by the end of the year.

Bowater Industries was also on the move, the shares rising 19p to 263p as analysts look forward to full year figures due later this month. Although the market expects the 1984 figures to be dampened by last year's reorganization – the split of the United Kingdom and US companies – there is plenty of optimism for the future. At James Capel the stockbroker, profit forecasts are for around £36 million for 1984 and over £50 million for the current year.

Reed International rose 16p to 562p following the group's announcement of plans to sell the decorative products division. Investors like more and more the new strategy at Reed of concentrating on a core of businesses.

DRG, which has long been surrounded by takover speculation, continues to enjoy recent profits news from its Canadian and Australian subsidiaies. Yesterday the shares pt on 2p.to 170p, and there were also gains of a few pence for **British Printing & Communication Corp.**, and **McCorquodale.**

News that **Servis Domestic Appliances** has gone into receivership sent the share prices of **Centreway Industries** and **Centreway Trust** falling. CI shares sank 7p to 10p and CT were down 5p at "0p.

Servis shares themselves can be traded under Rule 535 (2), a form of over the counter quote, and jobbers were pricing them at 0-2p. Servis price has been falling steadily in recent weeks, although even at their peak the shares only reached 28p.

On the foods pitches, **Northern Foods** moved ahead again, rising 8p to 232p Institutional investors have grown keen on the stock, whether because of renewed takeover talk or not remains unclear. The arrival of Mr Chris Ball from nigate as managing director at Northern appears to have spurred some buying.

Hillsdown Holdings, which reports results, regained 6p of recent falls to go to 66p.

Dalgety remained unchanged at 501p. Mr Robert Mackey, finance director of the United Kingdom company, has resigned and is moving to a similar position at Clarks Shoes.

There was heavy trading in the shares of **Acorn Computers**, making a return to the market following the £10 million rescue bid by Olivetti giving it a 49 per cent stake in the business.

According to the company's new brokers, Phillips and Drew, about 7 million shares changed hands with keen institutional interest lifting them from their opening level of 25p to a 38p peak before settling around 28p. This compares with roughly 16p in their pre-suspension form and the rights issue price of 8p. The interest in Acorn surprised some followers particularly in view of the disclosure in the rights issue document of debts of £47 million at the end of December.

Delta Group, which reports results later this month, rose 5p to 130p as market men show positive interest in changes at the company. Like IMI, which also reports profits on March 26, Delta is turning away from the old metal-bashing image. It now has strong bias towards electricals, while IMI has moved into specialist metals and finished products. IMI followed the pattern with a ½p gain to 110½p. Both shares are at price peaks.

Thorn EMI jumped 7p to 454p on an £18 million contract won by its electronics arm to supply the British Army with a number of general purpose Thermal Imager repair facilities.

Applied Computer Techniques gave City analysts good news at their presentation. ACT is bringing out two new computers aimed at the top end of the micro market. The two machines, with doubled memory capacity compared with ACT's present products, will sell at about £3,995 and £4,495. ACT also sa s margins are showing slight improvement. Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker, forecasts profits of £10.5 million for the year to the end of this month, and £18 million for 1985-36

Traded option highlights

Traded options business lagged behind in the excitement in the main market as total volume reached just 6,528 contracts, most of which were calls.

The stock market index contract proved most popular; 1,304 contracts were traded, 799 of them calls. British Telecom contracts came second in the volume stakes – 877 contracts were traded – and GEC and Jaguar options totalled just over 600 each.

Barclays Bank options saw some of the biggest price changes as market men prepare for Friday's results, and the possibility of the much-feared rights issue. May call contracts fell by around 13p, while May 650s gained 13p.

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Roses, roses all the way for BTR

Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR, took time out from his pursuit of Dunlop to unveil a sparkling set of preliminary results yesterday which left no doubt about the quality of his company's performance.

Pre-tax profits soared from £171 million to £284 million and although the comparatives are distorted because of the Tilling acquisition's consolidation for only six months in 1983, the underlying improvement still stands up to the most severe of questioning.

The group achieved record results in every business segment and every region. The bulk of the improvement was generated by the Tilling acquisition but it is the manner in which this has been achieved which is more impressive. It has not been a simple case of adding figures together but of making genuine improvements in margins through effective management of overheads and product mix.

The benefit from Tilling is certainly not just a one off. BTR still believes there are further savings to come and the key will once again be attention to margins. In many of its business sectors BTR had very little to show by way of volume growth last year but by concentrating on the bottom line it was still able to produce substantial profits growth.

The construction division doubled its profits and the energy and electrical division almost did the same. With the industrial and consumer-related products division turning in profit increases of about 50 per cent and the financial services activities also doing well it added up to a genuine all-round improvement.

The resulting effect on gearing has also been quite dramatic. Borrowings fell by £50 million to £450 million but gearing was down from 86 per cent to 63 per cent. There is little doubt that if BTR did win control of Dunlop then the balance sheet could take the strain without any undue difficulty.

The only question mark over the results is the decision to make currency translations at the year end rather than taking average exchange rates. This boosted profits by £19 million. Even without this however, the results were still pretty solid.

The shares closed up 20p at 664p and with profits of £330 million in sight for 1985, the rating might appear a little demanding. That said, the long-term prospects for BTR are very good: should it acquire Dunlop they will become even better.

Midland Bank

At £135 million, Midland's pretax profits were better than expected: likewise; the free capital ratio of 4.4 per cent (4.1 per cent). Despite the tiny cover of 1.1, the dividend is maintained at 25.5p. But the market was unimpressed. After the initial mark-up of 10p to 369p, the bears came out in force, and the shares dropped 22p to 347p.

Almost every item in the group's profit and loss statement contains a controversial element. Crocker losses contain £134 million of property disposal profits. Adding back that figure means that Crocker losses neatly equal profits elsewhere in Midland at £357 million.

At £160 million, the tax bill is £25 million above the pretax figure because Crocker losses cannot be grouped against other profits. Extraordinary items of £17 million illustrate the savage internal surgery within the bank – witness elsewhere the static salary bill and declining workforce. The impact of last year's Finance Act on the leasing business shows through in the £230 million debit to reserves.

Yet if Crocker's problems have savaged the bank, Crocker's figures also indicate a way back. Adjusted Crocker profits last year were about £100 million. Hence a cash flow base exists to service the loan portfolio. A rights issue now sounds unlikely, and Midland is willing to sell assets and trade investments as well as raise fresh loan capital, to keep its ratios in line. Nearly all other parts of the business performed well. British business profits rose by more than a third.

Successful innovation is the common theme underlying the commentary on 1984. New savings products have done well in the market place and, the international division has been overhauled and forged ahead last year.

Although wooly minds in California may have been responsible for Crocker's losses, some able brains in the City have obviously toiled over both the group and the figures. The accounting is in past creative and the road block may be both longer than it is made to appear. But the market is taking a more relaxed view of Midland's future and the shares are stating to out perform.

General Accident

General Accident's 1984 figures are, if anything more than Royal's two days ago. The company was expected more or less to match Royal's £11 million pretax profit. It announced a mere £3.9 million profit compared with last year's £65.6 million.

The market, nervous of composites' figures, marked General Accident's shares down about 15p from an opening price of 543p. The stoicism typical of the sector then reasserted itself and the price returned to 540p. A 12p final dividend making 20p against 19p helped.

Total underwriting losses grew from £150.2 million to £268.3 million. General Accident's chief disaster area was its large motor account which was mainly responsible for increasing the fourth quarter British under-writing loss by £10.3 million to £25.3 million and the full year loss by £14.9 million to £72.4 million.

In the US, where 45 per cent of the company's business is in motor lines, the underwriting loss jumped from £56.3 million to £136.1 million, a figure to which large commercial insurance losses contributed.

General Accident regards the sudden escalation in motor claims as a freak event and sees no reason to raise motor rates for the moment. They have remained static for the last 18 months. The company expects no significant improvement in its British business until 1986, though some progress in the US may be seen before then.

On the credit side, General Accident has added around £250 million to its net asset value, giving a total of 828p per share. Its combined ratio, at 117, is roughly the industry average and its solvency margin is an impressive 82 per cent. The company's underlying solidity shows little sign of crumbling.

Midland Bank

A year of contrasting performance; good results from Midland's UK and international operations offset by Crocker losses.

Comments by the Chairman, Sir Donald Barron

Midland Group's results for 1984 were, as previously announced, substantially affected by Crocker's losses. These losses resulted from the writing-off of loans made in earlier years which had deteriorated subsequently, largely because of changed economic conditions in California, and from the creation of additional provisions for possible future loan losses. The performance of the Group other than Crocker was very satisfactory. These operations increased their profit contribution by £115m (48%) and several sectors achieved record results. Strong profits growth was achieved by all the constituents of the Group's UK Business Sector. Growth in costs was well contained throughout the sector and there were further increases in commission and other non-interest income. Samuel Montagu's profits were lower than in 1983 but there was a substantially improved performance by the Group's international businesses, which benefited significantly from the higher earnings of the European subsidiaries and from the elimination of losses in the Group's international trade operations.

Bad debt provisions

Pre-tax profit is struck after making provisions for bad and doubtful debts of £616m compared to £318m last year of which Crocker accounts for £456m against £120m in 1983. The current year's charge includes £471m for specific provisions and £145m for general provisions, compared with £228m and £90m respectively for 1983.

Free capital ratio

Successful group asset and liability management was reflected in an end-year free capital ratio of 4.4% only slightly lower than the figure of 4.6% at the end of 1983. The ratio was significantly affected by the decision of the UK Government in the Finance Act, 1984 to alter the system of tax allowances for fixed asset expenditure. This change necessitated a further provision for deferred taxation and other liabilities which reduced shareholders' funds by £230m; in comparable terms the 1983 ratio would have been 4.1%.

Investment expenditure

The Group made further substantial capital expenditure during the year. We have continued to develop the MIDNET voice and data telecommunications network and have invested heavily in our branch operating systems and, more visibly, in additional autobank machines. We shall continue to make further substantial expenditure over the next few years to ensure that we remain fully competitive in these important areas of technology and service.

The international debt problem

The strength of the US dollar and the high level of dollar interest rates have increased the debt servicing burden of the less developed countries. Nevertheless, over the past two years the key debtor countries have made substantial progress in external payments adjustment.

The rescheduling process itself has taken a new turn with the multi-year agreement with Mexico, which extended maturities over fourteen years. This has become a benchmark for other negotiations and, though not without cost to banks, should help to defuse the 'crisis' atmosphere surrounding rescheduling.

Group strategy

Our Group strategy has as its basis four major objectives:

- To rehabilitate Crocker as rapidly as possible. We believe that our proposal to acquire 100% of the Common Stock and to bring Crocker within the Midland Group's structure and operations is the best way of achieving this.
- To continue to develop a strong international operation serving our wide range of customers – financial, industrial, commercial, governmental and personal – around the world.
- To continue to have a strong position in the UK banking market, meeting the challenges of marketing and developing new products and services by adapting our traditional skills to the new opportunities presented by technological change.
- To enter with commitment the new capital markets developing as a result of the deregulation of the traditional London securities markets. We will combine the expertise of Midland's treasury and banking operations with the special skills of Samuel Montagu and W. Greenwell & Co, the well known firm of stockbrokers to provide a range of services and products for our national and international markets.

Dividend maintained

The directors have declared an unchanged dividend of 14.5p per share. The total dividend paid for 1984 will amount to 25.5p per share, the same as for 1983. The dividends are covered 1.1 times by earnings.

People

In a difficult year much has been achieved within the Group on many different fronts reflecting the skills and enthusiasm of our staff in meeting the challenges of a highly competitive and rapidly changing market place. Loyalty and commitment in the face of contrasting fortunes are qualities which carry a great business through the bad times as well as good and I would like to record the thanks of the Board to all our staff around the world for their efforts through the year.

Outlook

The results of 1984 for the Group other than Crocker give confidence that these operations will continue to contribute substantial profits. With 100% ownership Crocker should also, in due course, make a healthy contribution to Group profits.

Results in brief	1984 £m	1983 £m
Profit before taxation		
Group excluding Crocker	357	242
Crocker	(222)	(17)
Group profit before taxation	135	225
Attributable profit	45	114
Earnings per share	27.1p	60.6p
Dividends per share	25.5p	25.5p
Total assets	£61,483m	£52,613m

The Report and Accounts for 1984, including the full Statement by the Chairman, Sir Donald Barron, will be available after 2nd April 1985. Stockholders will receive copies automatically. Others are invited to write to: The Secretary, Midland Bank plc, Head Office, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX

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Blagden in £25m steel takeover

By Jeremy Warner

Blagden Industries is to buy the European steel drummaking interests of its largest shareholder, City Investing ompany of New York, in a move that will more than double the company's size.

The acquisition, costing about £25.75 million, will make Blagden into the second argest steel drum manufacturer Europe

City Investing also disposed of its existing 34 per cent shareholding in Blagden yester day.

The shares were placed w h industrial investors at p each by N M Rothschild & Sons.

Blagden's acquisition is being financed mainly through an ambitious and novel offering of shares by N M Rothschild. The company is also paying more than £9 million in cash.

Nearly 15 million shares are to be offered for sale at a minimum tender price of 112p. About 9 million of these are being reserved for allocation at the minumum price.

Half of the 9 million are also being reserved on a preferential basis for existing Blagden shareholders who, as a result, will be guaranteed at least three shares for every 10 they hold at 112p each.

City Investing will get five-sixths of any premium achieved on the shares that go to tender and Blagden will get the rest. Blagden said that it would probably have has to pay City Investing for the European companies had it not agreed to hand over the fruits of any premium.

The scheme was critisized by some analysts for being excessively complex but Rothschild said it has significant advantages over a traditional vendor placing or offer for sale.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ● Hongkong Land ● Office survey

New dawn breaking over City's Eastern fringe

The Eastern fringes of the City were once a no-man's land where true "Square Milers" were never to be seen. But now the boundaries of City locations are being pushed further and further out from the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street and the East is seeing a new dawn.

Anyone walking about in E1 yesterday would have been aware that developers were there in force as Central and City Properties launched the second phase of its Gardiners Plaza development in Alie Street and Camperdown Street.

Mr David King and Mr John Mactaggart, directors of the company, were among the first developers to believe in the potential of the Eastern fringes for office development. That faith has been justified by the sale of phase one of Gardiners Plaza to Scottish Amicable for about £10.25 million. The 56,000sq ft building is let to Overseas Containers as its headquarters. The top two floors totalling 14,600sq ft are on offer at £107,300 a year, per floor.

Phase two of the Camperdown Street scheme, the Pavilion, has been completed with 18,922 sq ft of space.

Work has started on phase three of Gardiners Plaza which involves the refurbishment of listed buildings in Alie Street and phase four, with 40,000 sq ft, is due to start soon. The asking rent for the Pavilion has been pitched at just under £16 a sq ft. The letting agents are Richard Main & Co and Sinclair Goldsmith.

Hongkong Land arrives at borrowings 'watershed'

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Mr David Davies, the chief executive of Hongkong Land, was in London this week to talk to institutions and investors here. He was feeling pleased with the progress that Hongkong Land has made in restoring its fortunes, so badly hit when the property market crashed, leaving the company with a mountain of debt. As he said, "peak borrowings are behind us and we have reached a real watershed."

Hongkong Land's debts will now not go above HK$14.5 billion (£1.65 billion) and are down to HK$11.5 billion. The development of the third phase of Exchange Square will not result in the peak borrowings being exceeded, he said.

Mr Davies admits that there are still no tenants signed up for Exchange Square which comes on to the market this year but he has obtained lettings at the Hong Kong Club building which is 80 per cent let. The Hongkong Land portfolio overall is 96 per cent let rising from the 80 per cent level seen over a year ago. He says the rent in the Colony which slumped by 40 per cent at the worst stage in the market have stabilized and there are even slight signs of improvement.

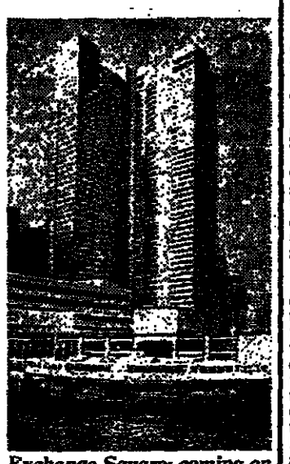
A key factor in turning the tide in Hongkong Land's fortunes was the sale of its 34 per cent stake in Hongkong Electric for more than £400 million. It could be argued that Hongkong Land did not get the best price for it but Mr Davies prefers to look at it in the light of having obtained a 15 per cent premium over the price he would have got the month before. A month is a very long time in Hong Kong, it seems.

Mr Davies says that the reason for the Excelsior Hotel being taken off the market was that the Electric deal gave him the cash to make the sale unnecessary. He admits, however, that there were several discounted offers for the hotel which he did not want to accept but insists a few did meet his target price.

All the hotel properties are now included in the balance sheets of the hotel operating subsidiary. Hongkong Land owns varying amounts of equity in these and, in fact will have no stake in its latest venture, a Mandarin hotel at San Francisco for which it has the management contract.

The company's 1984 results are die out before long and there has been a revaluation of the properties. The last revaluation resulted in almost £1 billion being wiped off the assets.

Mr Davies would not be drawn on whether the revaluation for the year ending last December would also result in a write-down but observers in Hong Kong believe this is likely.



Exchange Square: coming on the market this year

appointing Barrington Laurance as its property advisers, is about to sell its former headquarters, Dunlop House, in St James's. The building is under offer but the agents, Phoenix Beard, will not reveal to whom or at what price.

Barrington Laurance has been brought in, as part of the shake up at Dunlop initiated by Sir Michael Edwardes, its chairman. All Dunlop will say at the moment is that property in more than 100 locations is involved in the review

● Britain's office market saw a significant change in the latter half of last year. The total floor space available for letting fell by 6.7 per cent, according to the latest research by Hillier Parker, the first time this has happened since the firm of chartered surveyors began its surveys in 1981.

The space coming on to the market fell sharply by 21 per cent to 5.15 million sq ft, a figure that was equalled by lettings which rose by 20 per cent to 5.19 million sq ft.

The capital saw a 12 per cent drop in available office space throughout the City, West End and the suburbs, with large increases in lettings in the last two areas.

The last six months saw an improvement in the demand for existing buildings. Lettings at 2.7 million sq ft outstripped placings at 2.3 million sq ft. This was the first fall since 1981.

Dixons buys Espley's subsidiary

● Dixons Commercial Properties, the property development and trading arm of the Dixons Group, has bought Codic, the Belgian property subsidiary of Espley Trust for what is thought to be £1 million.

Codic is regarded as a well managed company to the forefront of commercial development in Brussels and Dixons could hardly fail to be pleased at picking it up at this price.

Dixons Commercial Properties wants to move into the office market and this acquisition gives it the chance to explore the possibilities of trading in a country where office development is not at the same level as in Britain. Dixons is acting as the wealthy parent for Codic, providing backing for three or four important projects. Office developments ranging from 30,000 to 100,000 sq ft are planned, and will be traded on in line with normal Dixons and Codic practice.

Meanwhile, Healey & Baker, which undertakes work for Codic, has been brought in to value 30 properties in the 570-strong shop property portfolio acquired when the Dixons Group took over Currys, the electrical retailer. It is the start of Dixons' attempt to get to grips with the property assets. The task had been handed to Dixons Commercial Properties. The company is at pains to say that sales are not necessarily the order of the day but the 30 shops now being valued are in less than booming locations.

At the time of the takeover, Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman of Dixons Group, said that Currys stores would not necessarily close even if they were situated next to one of his own shops. But there can be no doubt that the potential within the Currys portfolio, which contains a high percentage of freehold shops, is likely to be exploited to the full by Dixons and its successful property trader.

● The National Freight Consortium Property Group, part of the National Freight Consortium, one of the most successful management buy-outs in Britain, is considering venturing into the world of commercial estate agency.

NFC Properties has long term ambitions to set up its own agency or to buy a company with a wide spread of coverage throughout the country, something which the NFC already has.

● Dunlop Holdings, which recently announced it was

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No bridging loan tax relief

Hughes (Inspector of Taxes) v Viner

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment delivered February 28]

Interest on a bridging loan taken out to purchase a dwelling house intended to be the taxpayer's main residence, but never in fact so occupied, did not qualify for relief from income tax under the provisions of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974.

Mr Justice Walton so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from the Wirral General Commissioners' determination that the taxpayer, Mr Gordon Viner, be entitled to such relief for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82.

His Lordship further held, deciding a preliminary point, that the requirements of section 56(5) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 were not mandatory but merely directory and that the Crown's failure to notify the taxpayer in time that a case had been stated by the commissioners for the opinion of the High Court, did not deprive the High Court of jurisdiction to hear and determine the appeal.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr William Massey for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said, in relation to the substantive issue, that in 1980 the taxpayer bought a house in Liverpool for £70,000 intending to use it as his main residence and to sell his existing home in Chester. The purchase was financed in part by a bank bridging loan of £54,000.

The taxpayer failed to sell his home in Chester and in 1981 the Liverpool house, which had proved to be grossly defective, was put on the market. It sold in September 1981 for £63,000, having never been occupied by the taxpayer. He claimed entitlement to interest relief for the years under appeal of £2,747 and £2,073 respectively.

Paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 1 provided that "Where Part I of Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1972 applies to a loan by reason of the land . . . being used as a person's only or main residence, and the borrower raises another loan to defray money to be applied as mentioned in paragraph 1 of that Schedule with a view to the use of other land . . . as that person's only or main residence and the disposal of the first-mentioned land . . . then in relation to interest payable within twelve months from the making of the other loan, that Part of that Schedule – (a) shall continue to apply to the first-mentioned loan, whether or not the first-mentioned land . . . continues to be so used; and (b) shall apply to the other loan to the same extent (if any), as if no interest were payable on the first-mentioned loan."

For the Crown it was argued that when paragraph 6(1) referred to Part I of Schedule 9 to the 1972 Act, it had to be remembered that that now incorporated the restrictions on relief for such loans contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act. Thus the Crown said that relief was only available in respect of the second loan if the taxpayer had satisfied the requirements of paragraph 4(1)(a), namely by having used the Liverpool house as his only or main residence.

Mr Massey contended that that was not right: paragraph 4 (1) was expressed to be "subject to" the following provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act and thus paragraph 6 was a provision entirely on its own and as the taxpayer had satisfied the two conditions there set out, he was entitled to the relief.

The Crown's case was correct. Relief for the loan interest in respect of the second house was only available on the same terms as the taxpayer had his first loan, namely he had to show that he had used it as his main residence.

On the preliminary point, his Lordship said that the taxpayer argued that because the Crown had been six days late in complying with the requirements of section 56(5) of the Taxes Management Act 1970, the court was without jurisdiction. The question was a simple one – whether the requirements of section 56(5) were mandatory (as were subsections (2) and (4)) or merely directory (as subsection (1) had been held to be).

It did not appear that the provision was in the slightest mandatory. It was merely intended to ensure that a respondent had adequate notice of the case before the hearing of the appeal.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Latin & Mascheder, Liverpool.

Calculating pay arrears on re-engagement

Electronic Data Processing Ltd v Wright

Where an industrial tribunal made an order for re-engagement under section 69 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 in respect of an employee who had been dismissed for redundancy, any amount payable under the order as arrears of pay should be calculated on the basis of the employee's earnings at the date of dismissal, and not the earnings on re-engagement.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr G. A. Drain and Mrs M. E. Sunderland) so held on February 27, dismissing the employer's appeal against a decision of a Sheffield industrial tribunal on January 30, 1984.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the proper construction of section 69(3)(d) was to take the figure the employee was earning at the date of dismissal. The language of the statute and the purpose behind the whole of section 69 was to give the employee the right to apply for re-instatement or re-engagement, and not to penalise an employee who was offered re-engagement rather than re-instatement.

Judge must attend view

Regina v Hunter (Ian)

A judge should always be present at a view to control the proceedings and ensure that the correct procedure was followed, Mr Justice Boreham said in the Court of Appeal on February 25.

His Lordship, sitting with Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Macpherson, was delivering the court's judgment allowing an appeal and quashing the conviction of Ian Bruce Hunter at Newport Crown Court (Judge Pitchford) for fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of 1½ kg of cannabis.

MR JUSTICE BOREHAM said that the judge had not attended a view at which the jury, the court clerk, counsel, solicitors and a witness were present.

The Privy Council in *Tameshwar v The Queen* ([1957] AC 476) drew a sharp distinction between a simple view of an object or place by a jury without the attendance of witnesses and a view with witnesses giving evidence. However, the proper approach was expressed by *Archbold, Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice* 41st edition (1982) p226 paragraph 4 – 41.

The judge should be present at every stage of the trial. A view was a stage of the trial. Whether or not any witness was present the judge should always be present.

Disputed adoptions

In re K (a Minor)

County courts hearing an adoption application should not hear as a separate matter the question whether to dispense with parental agreement and then proceed to the adoption hearing.

Sir John Arnold, President of the Family Division, so said, agreeing with Lord Justice Griffiths on February 27, when the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal from prospective adopters from the refusal of Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke at Exeter County Court to dispense with parental consent.

THE PRESIDENT said that matters relevant to dispensing with parental agreement under section 12 of the Children Act 1975 were better aired if heard together with the adoption application. That was the practice in the High Court.

It would be particularly important in April to have a single hearing when the provisions relating to custodianship orders under Part II of the 1975 Act would be in force.

General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1984

WORLDWIDE RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1984

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1984 will be published on 15th April 1985, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1984, with actual figures for 1983, are as follows:–

	1984 £M	1983 £M
Premium Income		
General Business	1,689.0	1,395.0
Long Term Business	189.9	132.0
	1,878.9	1,527.0
Profit and Loss Account		
Investment Income (see note)	266.2	212.5
Underwriting Results – General Business	(268.3)	(150.2)
Shareholders' Long Term Profits	7.7	4.9
	5.6	67.2
Less Interest on Loans	1.7	1.6
Profit before Taxation	3.9	65.6
Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	(8.1)	1.9
Profit after Taxation	12.0	63.7
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	2.2	1.5
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	9.8	62.2
Earnings per Share	5.9p	37.0p
Dividend per Share	20.0p	19.0p
Net Assets per Share	828p	677p

Note – Investment Income excludes £10.7m (1983 £5.8m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

	1984 Premium Income	1984 Underwriting Result	1984 Principal exchange rates used	1983 Premium Income	1983 Underwriting Result	1983 Principal exchange rates used
	£M	£M		£M	£M	
U.K.	505.0	(72.4)	–	488.2	(57.5)	
U.S.A.	752.6	(136.1)	$1.16	550.8	(56.3)	$1.45
EEC other than U.K.	92.1	(16.3)	–	78.9	(12.3)	–
Canada*	157.9	(33.8)	$1.53	123.4	(10.6)	$1.81
Australia*	43.2	(1.5)	$1.40	32.8	(4.6)	$1.61
Others, including reinsurance	87.8	(5.4)	–	83.6	(4.5)	–
Marine and Aviation	50.4	(2.8)	–	37.3	(4.4)	–
	1,689.0	(268.3)		1,395.0	(150.2)	

*before internal reinsurance

Life Department

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our long term funds, which also reported UK new business production as follows:

New Life and Annuity Premiums	1984	1983
Annual	28.1	32.9
Single	45.0	28.6

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1984

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8th May 1985, the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 12.0p per share making a total distribution for the year of 20.0p per share (1983–19.0p per share).

The dividend will be payable on or after 1st July 1985, to Shareholders on the Register on 1st June 1985.

Net Assets

The net asset value of the group increased during the year by £253m to £1,392m reflecting the strength of the US dollar and the growth in equity share values in the UK.

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UBAF BANK LIMITED

Balance Sheet at 31 December 1984

	£		£
Share Capital and Reserves		**Current Assets**	
Authorised shares of £1 each	46,000,000	Cash, balances at bankers, money at call and short notice	267,029,692
Paid-up share capital	36,000,000	Bills discounted	2,697,669
Retained profits–General reserve	17,250,000	Deposits with banks	280,580,788
–Balance	58,478	Certificates of deposit purchased	81,373,450
	17,308,478	Listed securities	478,596
	53,308,478	Loans and advances	93,888,442
Shareholders' Subordinated Loans	19,982,906	Accrued interest receivable and other debtors	27,603,178
Total Shareholders' Funds	73,291,384		753,631,815
Deferred Taxation	8,179,220	**Loans and Advances repayable after one year**	399,569,250
Current Liabilities		**Leased Assets**	33,737,119
Current and deposit accounts	1,077,539,326	**Investments** (unlisted) at lower of cost or market value (directors' valuation)	1,104,854
Certificates of deposit issued	6,837,607	**Fixed Assets**	16,621,657
Taxation	3,699,692		£1,204,664,695
Accrued interest payable and other creditors	31,767,466		
Proposed dividend	3,350,000		
	1,123,194,091		
	£1,204,664,695		

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement

The Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1984 show a trading profit of £16,353,423 compared with £14,037,096 for 1983 and a dividend of £3,350,000, being 10% of the average paid-up share capital, is proposed.

The authorised capital of the bank was increased during 1984 from £31 million to £46 million. An increase of £5 million was made in the paid-up capital, now totalling £36 million, and similar increases are planned for 1985 and 1986.

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Superb office suite to let, 2359 sq ft. Ref PC	A new prestige office development 11,150 sq ft. Ref JBH	Two modernised office floors to let, 5,200 & 5,600 sq ft. Landlord's contribution to fitting out work. Ref RH/JRC	Self contained refurbished floor, 10,125 sq ft only £12.35 per square foot. Ref: JBH	Adjoining Bedford Square. Period building 5,320 sq ft. Generous rent free period. Ref: JRC/RH	Superb air-conditioned floor in refurbished period building, 1040 sq ft. Ref RGP/RCM.	Entire 2nd floor within modernised building 2070 sq ft to let at £11.20 per sq ft. Ref RGP/RCM
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meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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Football: Britain's premier club put to the test on another important night in European competitions

Early goal has champions struggling to keep a grip

From Clive White, Vienna

FK Austria.....1
Liverpool.....1

Liverpool, soaking up pressure as we have seen them do so often before in Europe, moved deliberately if not with great style towards the last four in the European Cup when a goal five minutes from time from Nicol in the Hanappi Stadium here last night left them with nothing to pull back two weeks from now in the second leg at Anfield.

It was not the most auspicious start by the European champions, a goal down in 22 minutes having had two players, Whelan and MacDonald (in his first European game), already booked.

Liverpool's main problem until then had seemed to be in attack where they looked painfully hollow without Dalglish and lacking invention and purpose. Not that the defence were their normal solid selves.

The fast-breaking Austrian forwards worried them from the start, ably supported by their ammnition supplier, Nyilasi, the lavishly talented Hungarian. But with the aid of Offside Liverpool had kept them just about in check.

The English team knew they were up against it from the start when Bogdan Dotchev, the Bulgarian referee, cautioned Whelen in the sixth minute for dissent while Rush sat on the floor following a hearty "welcoming" tackle by Tuermer, the only non-international in the Austrian side.

The eager Steinkogler whetted the appetite of a hungry crowd by striking the back of the Liverpool net after just eight minutes. The crowd knew well that the linesman flag was up but they celebrated it anyway.

This and a well hit shot by Baumeister from more than 20 yards which thudded against the chest of Grobbelaar were real warnings. Lawrensen's head, streaked grey during his recent absence from the team, got an important touch to a cross by Polster while Nyilasi waited in anticipation for any scrap that might fall his way, and than in the 22nd minute F K Austria took the lead with a vengeance when Polster, receiving the ball from Mustedanagic, unleased a rasping left foot drive from 25 yards which hurtled past Grobbelaar's despairing drive.

Neal tried manfully to compensate for the absence of Dalglish in attack, lending support at every available opportunity. The Scotsman's deputy, Walsh, was not found wanting but the No 9 shirt at Liverpool is a big one to fill.

Encouraged by the ease with which he went around the left back in the first few minutes, Walsh changed wings to test the other side. One or two winding runs silenced an admiring home crowd and if they did not lead to any positive conclusion it at least kept possession from the Austrians for a while.

Liverpool began to bring their extensive experience to bear in the second half and Rush, Walsh and Neal each took a strike at the opposition's goal. But the Austrians remained a threat on the counter-attack and twice Steinkogler was put into promising positions but failed to take advantage.

F K AUSTRIA: F Koncilia; H Dihanich, E Obermayer, E Tuermer, J Degeorgi, Z Mustedanagic, H Prohaska, E Baumeister, A Polster, T Nyilasi, G Steinkogler.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, M Lawrenson, A Hansen, A Kennedy, S Nicol, R Whelan, K MacDonald, J Wark, P Walsh, I Rush.
Referee: B Dotchev (Bulgaria).

● Northampton Town are releasing Trevor Lee, a midfield player or forward, whon has played 32 first-team games thi season. He was signed for Northampton last summer.

The Chesterfield full back, Garry Bellamy, was yesterday ruled out for the rest of the season with a chronic pelvic strain, sustained at Swindon in New Year's Day.



Whelan (left) and MacDonald: booked in a turbulent opening to Liverpool's match in Vienna

Germans seek answer to Berlin question

Bonn (Reuter) – Hermann Neuberger of the West German Federatin (DFB) said he was still confident that West Germany would stage the 1988 European championship. The DFB have come under political pressure since UEFA's organizing committee recommended that West Germany stage the championship but that West Berlin should not be one of the venues.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his government have made it clear they expect the DFB to give up the championship if West Berlin is not reinstated. But Neuberger told Reuters he expected UEFA's executive committee to endorse the application when it meets in Lisbon to make the final decision on March 15.

Neuberger had said earlier he feared the political furore might make UEFA give the championship to England, the organizing body's second choice at hosts, but on Tuesday he said: "I do not believe UEFA will take the championship away from West Germany. It is still possible that we can get West Berlin back in but it will be difficult. We will speak openly to UEFA again about the Berlin question."

The European championship finals in France last June made a profit of about £5 million, the European Football Union (UEFA) said yesterday.

Total income was 22.87 million Swiss francs (about £7.3 million). Expenses amounted to 7.52 million (about 2.4 million), leaving a profit of 15.35 million.

Ticket sales brought in 12.95 million francs (about £4.2 million) from which the two finalists will each get 16 per cent. Television rights and publicity realized 9.75 million francs (about £3.1 million) with a share-out of 10 per cent to the French organizers, 10 per cent to UEFA.

● Flamengo are to make a $3 million offer to Udinese for their former forward, Zico, according to reports in the Rio de Janeiro press (APreports). According to *D Globo*, the Flamengo president, George Helal, has reached an agreement with a pool of Brazilian and multinational companies to put up 12 billion cruzeiros, or about £3 million, to buy Zico, in exchange for exclusive pomotional rights.

Zico, who arrived in Rio on Monday to celebrate his 32nd birthday with relatives, admitted he hoped to transfer to Flamengo but said four European clubs also are interested in his acquisition. "My desire, is to go back to Flamengo, but I need a commitment soon," he said.

● The International Football Federation (FIFA) has expelled Iran from the Asian qualifying rounds of the 1986 World Cup (reuter reports). Iran and Iraq, who have been at war since 1980, and Lebanon had been asked to play home matches on neutral ground. Iraq and Lebanon have accepted FIFA's ruling, but Iran, who were drawn in an Asian sub-group with Bahrain and South Yemen, have refused it.

Clements delighted by his return to Manchester City

Oldham Athletic's defender, Kenny Clements, has rejoined Manchester City on loan until the end of the season.

City agreed terms with Oldham yesterday for the 29-year-old player, who left Maine Road to join Oldham for £200,000 in 1978. He will make his reappearance for City against Middlesbrough at Maine Road on Saturday.

Clements said: "Coming back to my former club is like a dream come true. I never wanted to leave in the first place, but was forced out because Malcolm Allison didn't want to know me."

The signing could release Andy May or Nicky Reid into midfield, with Clements occupying the right back or central defensive position.

Clements' parting gesture was to help Oldham to a 1-0 win at Birmingham on Tuesday night, a result that strengthened Manchester City's place at the top of the second division.

Graham Baker starts a two-match suspension on Saturday and his spell of inactivity could stretch farther because he dislocated his shoulder against Blackburn Rovers last Saturday.

Tommy Docherty, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, revealed yesterday that he had turned down a £160,000 offer for his teenage goalkeeper, Tim Flowers.

Flowers, 18, is one of the most promising goalkeepers in the League, is known to have attracted the interest of Manchester United and Everton. Docherty, who refused to name the club involved said: "I have told them there is nothing doing."

He added: "Flowers is not for sale and even if he were the bid is not big enough. We have got to keep our best players like him otherwise we are wasting our time being here."

The sale of Flowers would considerably ease the current financial problems of the club.

Wolverhampton, who have not scored in their past five matches, are hoping to sign on loan the Derby forward, Steve Biggins, who is expected to go straight into the side at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

Stoke City have signed goalkeper Barry Siddall on a free transfer from their fourth division neighbours, Port Vale. Siddall has spent the previous month on loan to the first division club. He was previously with Bolton and Sunderland and has spent periods on loan with Darlington and Blackpool.

Biley's transfer to Brighton held up

The proposed transfer of Alan Biley from Portsmouth to Brighton has run into money problems. Biley had talks with the Brighton manager, Chris Cattlin, yesterday, but left the Goldstone Ground without being able to agree personal terms.

Biley is also wanted by Stoke City, and the clubs have agreed an exchange deal which would take Keith Bertschin to Fratton Park. But that move has been held up because Biley, 28, and Portsmouth's leading scorer with 13 goals, has not been offered the money he requires to leave the club.

The Portsmouth manager, Alan Ball, said: "It's all up to Biley. If he can get the money he wants then he can go. He scores goals regularly, and he is not the sort of player a manager wants to sell, but he has asked to go and we have agreed his request. Brighton have made him an offer and we have left it to him to sort it out."

Gary Stanley is keeping Crystal Palace waiting after Portsmouth have agreed to allow him to move to the London club without a fee being involved. Stanley has also been unable to agree personal terms with the Palace manager, Steve Coppell.

The Gillingham midfield player, John Leslie, has had an operation on a torn knee ligament and will be out of action for at least five weeks. He injured his knee at Bradford last Saturday.

Fresh view of life at the wrong end

Unlike cricketers, the number of footballers who have successfully become writers or commentators about their sport is limited. After Len Shackleton, Bernard Joy and the two Irishman Danny Blanchflower and Eamon Dunphy, the list is virtually restricted to television personalities, but Manchester is developing a strong candidate in Fred Eyre, whose fourth book, *Star Games* (Senior Publications, £2.95) was recently published.

"A footballer called Fred Who?", Well, there's the rub. For unlike the others, Eyre has risen to fame for his failure as a player. The high spot of his career was probably the day he joined Manchester City as a ground staff lad.

After that it took him to such notable football centres as Bradford Park Avenue and Southport, where Eyre's promise to help get them out of the fourth division was fulfilled but not in the way intended. They were matched by a score of Northern non-League teams, but Eyre was more successful building up a lucrative stationery business in Manchester while his football exploits went on.

His experience on the field and even more perhaps in managers and coaches offices, provided the material for after dinner speeches which earned Eyre a considerable reputation on that circuit, and when he was persuaded to write it all down, it became a richly entertaining autobiography.

Kicked into touch revealed Eyre's possession of a rare talent for both capturing the acid, funny one-liners which abound in dressing rooms and putting them into print. He also showed a flair for minting quite a few of his own.

Between writing his first book and its publication, Eyre, then helping Ian McNeill at Wigan Athletic, had two weeks of glory as temporary manager when McNeill was sacked. The side was unbeaten during his spell in charge – "I should have won a half-bottle of Bell's as manager of the fortnight," he claims – and Eyre feels convinced that had he retained the position Wigan would have won promotion that season.

Freddie Pye, the Wigan chairman, had other ideas and, wanting a big name, appointed Larrie Lloyd instead. Eyre reverted to his former position as assistant, Lloyd asking him to stay on. It was not a happy marriage and eventually Eyre, not needing the job, decided he could stomach Lloyd riding roughshod over players no longer.



Eyre: rare talent

By then *Kicked into touch* had been published and a new career beckoned. His sequel *Another breath of Fred Ayre* confirmed the impression of the first book that a fresh new talent had emerged, even if it was one which sometimes failed to distinguish between good and bad puns.

For a time the northern editions of the *Daily Express* were also enlivened by a witty but knowledgeable column. After a few weeks that was blocked by a union decision but Eyre found radio equally condusive a medium for his talents, and he is now a regular contributor to Radio Piccadilly, where he brings his experiences at the wrong end of the Football League to bear on his reporting of Bolton Wanderers' matches, and his talents for the crushing but funny comment to his survey to the day's sporting news every morning.

The same sharpness has punctuated his latest book, a collection of interviews with (chiefly) "comedians" ranging from Harold Wilson and Tommy Docherty through Dr Desmond Morris to Eric Sykes and Stan Stennett about the game they most remember.

It is a clever idea, but depends to a large extent on the quality of the interviewees. Wilson's reminiscences of the game in which Huddersfield won the first division title for a third successive year stands out, but even the dullest chapter is enlivened by Eyre's interjections.

Peter Ball

Sir Matt's bust has proud place

Manchester United are commissioning a bust of Sir Matt Busby, their former manager, which will have pride of place at the entrance to their new museum. His name will also be enshrined in the Matt Busby Suite, rooms for the use of supporters. Sir Matt's link with the club spans 40 years.

Sir Matt, who has now had a 40 year association with the club, said today: "I am very honoured and I particularly like the association of my name with a suite which is to be used by supporters." he said.

Martin Edwards, the club chairman, said: "We are commissioning the bust from a North-west sculptor. It will be given a position at the museum where it will be seen by thousands of visitors rather than a place in an inner sanctum seen by only a few. We think it is appropriate for a man, who has played a significant role in the history of Manchester United."

● Mike Saxby, the Middlesbrough defender, was suspended for two matches and fined £150 by a Football Association disciplinary committee at York yesterday after reaching 41 disciplinary points.

Brilliant goal by defender for Sarajevo

Zeljeznicar Sarajevo moved within sight of a UEFA Cup semi-final round place when they beat Dynamo Minsk 2-0 in their quarter-final first leg match at Sarajevo yesterday.

Minsk, traling to a sixtyfourth minute goal by a substitute, Samardizija, appeared to be satisfied with that scoreline, but the Yugoslave international defender, Baljic, scored a superb second goal four minutes from time. He gained possession just inside the Dynamo half, weaved through the defence and beat the goalkeeper, Zhekiu, with a drive from 15 metres.

Moscow Dynamo set up an impenetrable defensive wall and comfortably held Larissa, of Greece, to a 0-0 draw in their European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final first-leg match at Larissa.

Larissa pressed forward throughout in search of the goal which would give them some encouragement for the second leg, to be played in Tbilisi on March 20, but were left frustrated and unrewarded. Their two clearest chances fell to Valoras. In the twentieth minute he picked himself up after being fouled and drove a free kick against a post, and in the seventy fourth he shot wide from 10 metres.

The Soviet team had to wait until the eighty first minute to create their first opening, when Gazaev burst through, only to be foiled by a brave save at his feet by Plitsis.

● Second-placed Nantes kept alive their hopes of winning the French League with a 3-2 away win against Paris-Saint-Germain, on Tuesday. This cut the gap with the champions and leaders, Bordeaux, to five points with 11 games left.

Goals for Nantes came from the Yugoslav, Halilhodzic, the League's leading scorer, who got two, and the Argentinian, Ramos.

Ramos equalized early in the second half, after Paris had taken the lead just before the break with a goal by the French Olympic midfield player, Lemoult. Halilhodzic put Nantes ahead with a penalty in the 58th minute, but Rocheteau made it 2-2 soon afterwards. Halilhodzic scaled the match

Cup fervour runs high at Barnsley

Barnsley is in the grip of "Cup Fever" as the team prepared to meet Liverpool, the European champions in the sixth round of the FA Cup at home on Sunday. It is the first time in 25 years that the Oakwell club, which won the cup in 1912, has gone through to the last eight.

The team's success this season – they are unbeaten at home for more than six months – have been overshadowed by the miners' strike. A drop in attendances has cost the club about £3,000 a week but now the dispute is over officials are hoping to pull back the crowds.

The televised match, which kicks off at 2.35pm, is not all ticket but all the seats on general sale have been snapped up.

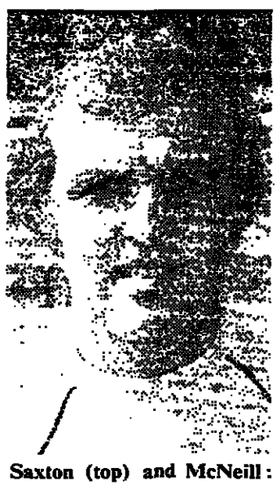
Their manager, Bobby Collins, has not yet decided whether the 19-year-old Steve Agnew, hero of Monday's 2-1 fifth round victory at Southampton, retains his place. Collins will not announce his team until tomorrow but he has made one promise "Everyone who played against Southampton will be involved against Liverpool. They have earned that right."

Rodger Wylde, a forward who did not play against Southampton, and the defender, Nicky Law, will both miss the Liverpool tie as they begin a two-match suspension. Collins said: "I didn't let that worry me. I have the players who can step in and do the job."

Chelsea inquiry next week

The FA have appointed a five-man commission to investigate crowd trouble at Chelsea's Milk Cup semi-final second leg match against Sunderland on Monday. The commission will meet at Stamford Bridge a week tomorrow.

The report of Alan Gunn, the referee from Burgess Hill, was recived by the FA yesterday.



Saxton (top) and McNeill: two managers happy to see Oldham win 1-0 away to rivals Birmingham City



Oldham gain two new supporters

Billy McNeill, of Manchester City, and Bobby Saxton, of Blackburn Rovers, in charge of the leading clubs in the second division, were present to celebrate Oldham Athletic's surprising victory at Birmingham City on Tuesday night.

Birmingham, whose impressive 3-0 win at Oxford on Saturday moved them into third place, were beaten 1-0, Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said: "I was sat between Billy and Bobby and it was a toss-up who jumped the highest when Roger Palmer got our goal".

There is still no joy for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Their 1-0 home defeat by Grimsby Town means they have gone 15 games without a win and eight home League matches without a goal. Their cause was not helped by Cardiff City's emphatic 4-1 win at Charlton Athletic, which brought the London club back down to earth after their remarkable fightback against Barnsley on Saturday.

Hull City moved to second spot in the third division after a 2-0 win at Swansea City, which ended the Welsh club's run of seven League games without defeat.

Blackpool spoiled their chance of going three points clear at the top of the fourth division after a 2-1 home defeat by Tranmere Rovers.

● ZURICH:– The Swiss forward, Claudio Sulser, who has been out of action with injuries for most of the last 18 months, is fully fit again. Since he was injured in October 1983, Switzerland's leading international scorer has undergone four knee operations. But he showed he was as dangerous as ever on Sunday, setting up the first goal and scoring the second as the Swiss champions, Grasshoppers Zurich, dreww 2-2 against their visitors, Lausanne.



Biley: unable to agree terms

The pools panel

Too much knowledge a danger to punters

It is the maxim that the more you know about football the less likely you are to win the pools. So, is the pools panel really necessary? The panel operates on those Saturday afternoons when 10 or more matches have been postponed. It consists of former footballers and administrators who know practically everything there is to know about the game, so it is hardly surprising that in most cases their forecasts accord with the formbook.

Football, however, is probably the most unpredictable of all sports. There are a host of unexpected and unexplained results on every Saturday of the season, which is why pools punters are so unconvinced by the panel's forecasts. Experts are often wrong precisely because their instinct is to stick rigidly to form, logic and convention. Economic experts, trying to predict this year's rate of inflation, are just as likely to end up with egg on their faces as those television sport presenters who tip a team to win the FA Cup, only to see them beaten in the third round.

Three results from last winter proved – as if proof were needed – that football frequently does not make sense. Who would have predicted that Wolverhampton Wanderers, bottom of the first division, would win at Liverpool, who went on to take the championship for the third successive season. Certainly not the pools panel.

The outcome of two fourth division matches on the same afternoon was almost as mystifying. Rochdale, who had been soundly defeated in the FA Cup by the non-League, Telford United, the previous week, won 1-0 at Crewe, who themselves had defeated Chesterfield 3-1 away the previous Saturday. Chesterfield recovered from that bad respit to win 2-1 at Swindon, who had knocked Carlisle United, of the second division, out of the Cup four days later.

It would be better to abolish the pools panel and use a system similar to that of the FA Cup draw, whereby numbers are pulled out of two bags.

In this instance, one would contain the coupon numbers of the postponed matches and the other would have the numbers relating to the Teble Chance check, ie: scoring draw, three points; no-score draw, two points; away win, 11/2 points; home win, one point.

This system is fairer because it would take the unexpected into account, giving David an excellent chance of drawing with, or even beating, Goliath. The draw could be televised, thus adding extra interest to the viewing on winter's snowiest Saturday afternoons. An experiment would be worthwhile, for the present situation sells the pools punter short.

Vince Wright

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham City 0, Oldham Athletic 1, Charlton Athletic 1, Cardiff City 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Grimsby Town 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Bolton Wanderers 1, Bristol Rovers 2, City 4, Brentford 2, Burnley 1; Bristol Rovers 2, Wigan Athletic 0; Cambridge United 1, Doncaster Rovers 1; Plymouth Argyle 1, Orient 0; Swansea City 0, Hull City 2; York City 4, Bournemouth 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Blackpool 1, Tranmere Rovers; Chesterfield 0, Port Vale 0; Halifax Town 0, Peterborough United 0; Northampton Town 0, Wrexham 4; Rochdale 1, Darlington 2; Swindon Town 0, Exeter City 0; Torquay United 0, Scunthorpe United 0.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Clydebank 1, Forfar Athletic 1.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers 3, Queen's Park 3.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Wokingham 2; Dulwich Hamlet 0, Harrow 0; Hendon 2, Sutton United 2; Hitchin 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Slough 2, Wycombe 2; Windsor and Eton 4, Harlow 1; First division: Aveley 1, Kingstonian 1; Bromley 1, Chesham 0; Clapton 0, Oxford City 3; Hampton 0, Famborough 2; Leatherhead 5, Maidenhead 0; Lewes 1, Tilbury 2; St Albans 1, Wembley 0, Hornchurch 1; Woking Staines 1; Wembley 0, Second division north: 3; Basildon 2, Second division south: Berkhamsted 2, Wolverton 0; Chalfont St Peter 2, Haybridge 0; Haringey 1, Barton 0; Hemel Hempstead 2, Stevenage 3; Harefield 1, Rickmett Heath 1; Letchworth 3, Ware 2; Marlow 1, Epping 1; Royston 3, Kingsbury 1; Tring 2, Saffron Walden 1, Second division south: Bracknell 0, Egham 1; Horsham 1, Ruislip Manor 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Luton 3; Ipswich 3, Swindon 0; Queen's Park Rangers 4, Portsmouth 1.
GOLA LEAGUE: Frickley 2, Barrow 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield 1, Goole 1. Cup: Third round: Marvis 3, Burton 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 5, Bradford City 0; Manchester City 3, Blackburn 2. Second division: Middesborough 2, Leeds 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Willenhall 0, Shepshed Charterhouse 0; Witney 2, Corby 3.
Midland division: Banbury 1, Wellingborough 1; Dudley 1, Moor Green 2; Stourbridge 3, Redditch 0. Southern division: Andover 2, Cambridge City 3; Ashford 2, Dover 3; Dorchester 0, Sheppey 2; Erith 0, Poole 5; Woodford 0, Gosport 1.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris St Germain 2, Nantes 3, Auxerre 2, Toulouse 0; Metz 1, Monaco 1; Marseilles 3, Brest 2; Lens 3, Laval 0; Bastia 2, Nancy 3; Rouen 1, Racing-Paris 1, Lille 1; Sochaux 3, Strasbourg 1; Tours 1.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Redhill 3, Corinthian-Casuals 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Willenhall 0, Shepshed Charterhouse 0; Witney 2, Corby 3. LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Epsom and Ewell 1, Southall 4.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 4, Territorial Army 2.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree 2, Bury 1; Harwich and Parkeston 1, Sudbury 3; Tiptree 1, Felixstowe 3.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Bochum 0, Borussia Monchanglasbach 2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Tradegar 29, Penarth 9.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cup Winners' Cup
quarter-finals
First leg
LARISSA (0) 0 MOSCOW (0) 0
20,000

UEAF cup
quarter-finals
First leg
ZELJEZNICAR (0) 2 MINSK (0) 0
Samardzija, Bazdarevic 22,000

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 0, Birmingham 1; Millwall 5, Crystal Palace 0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University 48, Kelo University 8.
HOSPITALS CUP: Final: St Mary's 18, Charing Cross-Westminster 11.
CLUB MATCH: Rugby 3, RAF 26.

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Austria Vienna 1, Liverpool 1.
CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Everton 3, Fortuna Sittard 0; Bayern Munich 2, Roma 0.
UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Manchester United 1, Videoton 0.
FA CUP: Fifth round replay: West Ham United 5, Wimbledon 1.
MILK CUP: Semi-finals: Second leg: Norwich City 2, Ipswich Town 0 (agg 2-1).
THIRD DIVISION: Bradford City 3, Preston North End 0; Derby 2, Walsall 0; Lincoln City 0, Millwall 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Chester City 0, Crewe Alexandra 2; Hereford United 5, Bury 3; Mansfield Town 1, Aldershot 2.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Ayr United 1, St Johnstone 0.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Alloa Athletic 1, Stranraer 2; East Stirlingshire 0, Queen of the South 0; Raith Rovers 1, Stenhousemuir 2; Stirling Albion 1, Cowdenbeath 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol 30, Llanelli 6; Ebbw Vale 22, Newport 7; Swansea 34, Bridgend 13.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 19, Oxfordshire 8.

NON-LEAGUE TABLES

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shepshed C	22	14	2	6	46	23	44
Crawley Town	23	13	5	5	43	33	44
Willenhall	24	12	7	5	34	24	43
King's Lynn	21	12	5	4	47	31	41
Folkestone	23	13	2	8	47	36	41
Welling United	21	12	5	4	31	20	41
Chelmsford	24	12	5	7	39	34	41
Cheltenham	20	12	1	7	42	20	37
RS Southampton	21	11	3	7	35	28	36
Fisher Ath	24	11	3	10	42	42	36
Gravesend	25	9	8	8	34	27	35
Fareham	24	9	3	12	35	36	30
Witney Town	21	8	7	8	34	31	25
Alvechurch	21	7	3	11	30	34	24
Hastings U	21	6	6	9	30	38	24
Corby Town	25	7	4	14	31	41	24
Gloucester	23	7	3	13	35	49	24
Bedworth	25	4	7	14	22	40	19
Trowbridge	24	5	4	15	26	58	19
AP Leamington	22	1	5	16	15	52	8

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Southern division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basingstoke	21	15	4	2	39	10	49
Thanet	23	13	3	7	40	30	42
Addlestone & W	25	12	5	8	53	36	41
Poole Town	24	10	9	5	43	23	39
Newport	24	11	5	8	40	30	38
Sheppey	24	12	2	10	31	33	38
Salisbury	21	12	1	8	34	30	37
Canterbury	22	11	2	9	40	37	35
Hillingdon	23	9	7	7	28	18	34
Waterlooville	24	9	7	8	45	40	34
Andover	22	10	4	8	27	22	34
Dorchester	24	9	6	9	33	41	33
Tonbridge	24	10	2	12	37	44	32
Woodford	21	7	6	8	26	31	27
Cambridge C	21	7	4	10	34	45	25
Ashford	20	5	6	9	27	34	21
Dover	23	5	4	14	28	44	19
Chatham	20	5	3	12	26	41	18
Dunstable	19	4	4	11	16	29	16
Erith & B	20	2	4	14	15	40	10

● Up to and including March 5

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Midland division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aylesbury	25	15	6	4	46	23	51
Dudley Town	18	13	3	2	42	18	42
Moor Green	22	11	6	5	38	28	39
Stourbridge	18	9	5	4	25	21	32
Bridgnorth	22	9	4	9	42	37	31
VS Rugby	19	8	6	5	32	25	30
Bromsgrove	17	8	5	4	32	24	29
Sutton Coldfield	19	8	5	6	33	31	29
Hednesford	18	7	5	6	33	28	26
Redditch	20	6	7	7	48	38	25
Rushden	22	7	4	11	30	37	25
Merthyr Tydfil	18	5	8	5	23	19	23
Forest Green	21	5	7	9	28	37	22
Oldbury	17	6	2	9	30	36	20
Wellingborough	23	4	6	13	21	49	18
Coventry Sporting	14	4	5	5	21	24	17
Banbury	19	4	3	12	16	35	15
Leicester U	22	2	5	15	12	41	11

● Up to and including March 5

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Witton Albion	30	17	6	7	47	27	57
Macclesfield T	30	15	11	4	47	29	56
Hyde United	32	16	7	9	51	38	55
Stafford R	27	16	5	6	53	28	53
Marine	28	14	9	5	45	23	51
Workshop Town	28	14	6	8	48	38	48
Burton Albion	28	13	8	5	48	29	47
Workington	32	13	7	12	38	41	46
Southport	29	12	5	12	42	43	41
Gooole Town	28	11	7	10	45	43	40
Bangor City	27	11	5	11	49	40	38
Horwich	27	8	11	8	43	35	35
Gainsborough T	27	9	6	12	48	50	33
Morecambe	29	8	9	12	35	50	33
Mossley	31	9	6	16	31	51	33
Matlock Town	27	9	5	13	37	46	32
Chorley	30	8	8	14	34	49	32
Grantham	31	7	10	14	35	43	31
Oswestry Town	27	8	6	13	32	50	30
Rhyl	30	7	6	15	37	59	28
Sth Liverpool	25	7	7	12	29	44	28
Buxton	30	6	4	20	28	54	22

● Up to and including March 5.

NW COUNTIES LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caernarfon T	22	16	5	1	51	20	37
Radcliffe B	22	14	5	3	40	20	33
Leek Town	23	11	8	4	33	16	30
Curzon Ashton	24	13	3	8	57	43	29
Stalybridge C	20	12	4	4	51	23	28
Burscough	19	12	4	3	45	22	28
Winsford Utd	21	12	4	5	37	21	28
Eastwood Hanley	23	9	10	4	41	32	28
Leyland Motors	24	9	6	9	38	44	24
Prescot Cables	25	11	3	11	48	49	23
Fleetwood T	18	9	4	5	41	27	22
Bootle	21	7	7	7	22	19	21
Glossop	27	5	9	13	30	49	19
Accrington S	24	6	5	13	28	37	17
St Helens Town	23	5	7	11	35	47	17
Congleton Town	20	6	4	10	22	30	16
Formby	22	5	6	11	25	49	14
Netherfield	22	4	5	13	25	52	13
Lancaster City	25	3	3	19	26	64	9
Penrith	23	3	2	18	24	55	8

Two points deducted
● Up to and including March 2.

WESTERN LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltash Utd	28	16	10	2	65	38	42
Exmouth Town	23	14	4	5	54	25	32
Bideford	23	14	4	5	42	17	32
Bristol City	24	12	8	4	43	23	32
Mangotsfield Utd	26	12	7	7	39	28	31
Liskeard Ath	29	12	6	11	43	40	30
Melksham Town	26	12	6	8	36	38	30
Paulton Rovers	25	12	5	8	45	33	29
Minehead	27	11	7	9	36	28	29
Chard Town	28	11	7	10	39	40	29
Bristol MF	23	12	3	8	45	35	27
Clandown	25	9	8	8	30	27	26
Frome Town	27	7	9	11	41	46	23
Dawlish Town	27	8	7	12	28	37	23
Chippenham T	28	8	6	9	31	30	22
Barnstaple T	28	8	4	13	35	42	20
Plymouth A	26	6	8	11	33	41	21
Taunton Town	28	6	8	14	39	53	20
Shepton Mallet	25	4	11	10	24	41	19
Clevedon Town	24	6	6	12	22	29	18
Weston-s-Mare	25	5	6	14	33	56	16
Devizes Town	26	2	7	17	25	73	11

● Up to and including March 3.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton Utd	26	16	9	1	80	35	57
Hayes	28	16	4	8	47	29	52
Worthing	24	15	3	6	54	38	48
Walthamstow A	27	13	6	8	52	42	45
Dulwich Hmt	27	11	10	6	58	39	43
Harrow Boro	25	11	5	9	46	33	38
Windsor&Eton	25	10

CRICKET

Logic defied as Pakistan reach final and deny Lloyd a glorious exit

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne

Against every logical prediction the final of the Benson and Hedges "World Championship of Cricket" here on Sunday will be between India and Pakistan. New Zealand and West Indies will play off for third place in Sydney on Saturday. To achieve this improbable permutation Pakistan yesterday beat West Indies by seven wickets, winning in fine style and with four overs to spare.

Who would ever have thought it? While India were losing to England recently, Pakistan were going down to New Zealand. Yet they are both playing at the moment with a confidence that belies it.

Yesterday's defeat was only the sixth West Indies have suffered in 41 one-day internationals since they lost the World Cup Final at Lord's in 1983. One of those was against England last summer. Now, only the fast bowling trio of Marshall, Garner, and Holding looked truly formidable. And they were out of luck.

It was sad for Lloyd not to finish on a winning note. The keenness, indeed mobility of his own fielding showed how much he would have liked to do so. "Farewell from your fans at the MCG. We shall miss you supercat", was the message flashed out on the huge electronic scoreboard as he left the field behind the exultant Qasim Omar and Javed Miandad. Lloyd is very popular here, though not even Jardine did more to put the cricketers of Australia through the hoop. Lloyd has not yet made up his mind whether to play in Saturday's Plate final against New Zealand in Sydney.

Needing only 160 to win, Pakistan were anchored by Mohsin, whose 22 out of 116 in 36 overs may sound excessively cautious but nicely complemented the exuberance of Rameez Raja. It was quite a day for the Rajas. Wasim having bowled ten admirable overs of leg breaks before his young brother made a precociously dashing 60.

The England team arrived back in London yesterday after their Indian and Australian tour, without their captain David Gower, who returns later.

Mike Gatting said: "It was a good tour. The whole team played well. I don't think we did as well as we could have done."

Then, yesterday, came Qasim Omar, all impudence, humour and instinct. Small and nimble, yet with a cover drive which turns fielders to stone and a twinkle to turn stone into butter, he is rather a special fellow. We all giggled with him, when, after sweeping Harper for six, he drove, cut and jested his way to victory.

After Lloyd had won the toss, and chosen to bat, eight of the West Indians had reached double figures and none got past 25. Having played no cricket to speak of for three weeks (their previous matches in this competition had been against Sri Lanka and one against New Zealand that was rain-affected), West Indies were "cold".

From a slowly burgeoning 40 for one, West Indies were suddenly 45 for three, with Haynes and Richards both out. Haynes caught at deep square leg, and Richards at the wicket, playing defensively. As a calculated gamble, Miandad brought Wasim Raja in as second change and he bowled splendidly, taking the useful Gomes, and being collared by no one. With Tahir taking the first three wickets, and Mudassar finishing with five for 28, Pakistan had some unlikely bowling heroes.

So long as Lloyd was in, there was always a chance of his cutting loose. He still has the power and reach to do so. But, in the 33rd over of the West Indain innings he drove Mudassar to short extra cover. Logie hit a long hop down square leg's throat, and it was left to Harper, having only his third day's cricket of the year, Holding, and Garner to make the score even remotely respectable. It was never likely, though to be enough.



Muddassar: appeals for another wicket yesterday (Photograph: Frank Baron)

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Mudassar b Naqqash	18
P B Richardson b Naqqash	13
†P J Dujon c Dalpat b Wasim Raja	22
I V A Richards c Dalpat b Naqqash	1
*C H Lloyd c Miandad b Mudassar	25
A L Logie c Qasim b Mudassar	6
M D Marshall c Miandad b Mudassar	10
R Harper not out	25
M A Holding b Akram	5
J Garner c Wasim Raja c Mudassar	13
W W Davis c Miandad b Mudassar	3
Extras (b-4, l-b 7, w 4, n-b 1)	16
Total (44.3 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–29, 2–44, 3–45, 4–61, 5–75, 6–96, 7–103, 8–122, 9–152.

BOWLING: Imran Khan 9–1–38–0; Wasim Akram 10–2–26–1; Tahir Naqqash 8–3–23–3; Wasmim Raja 10–0–32–1; Mudasser Nazar 7.3–0–28–5.

PAKISTAN

Mudassar Nazar c Logie b Marshall	6
Mohsin Khan c Dujon b Garner	23
Rameez Raja c and b Harper	60
Qasim Omar not out	42
*Javed Miandad not out	10
Extras (b 3, l-b 7, w 8, n-b 3)	19
Total (3 wkst)	160

Imran Khan, Salim Malik, Wasim Raja, Tahir Naqqash, †Ijaz Dalpat, Wasim Akram, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–97, 3–116.

BOWLING: Marshall 9–2–25–1; Garner 8–3–19–1; Holding 8–3–19–0; Davis 7–0–35–0; Harper 10–1–38–1; Richards 4–0–14–0.

No-balls and wides debited to bowlers' analyses.

Umpires: R Isherwood, S Randell.

Another triumph for Counties

Mutare–The English Counties XI recorded the sixth win of their Zimbabwe tour when they beat Zimbawe B by 71 runs in a one-day game here (a Special Correspondent writes).

The Counties batted frist on a slow wicket and scored 253 in their 50 overs. A stand between Houghton and Hodgson offered Zimbabwe B a chance of victory but the rapid loss of six middle-order wickets ended any hopes they had

SCORES English Counties XI 255 for 9 (50 overs) B C Broad 76, M C J Nicholas 56). Zimbabwe B 184 (43.2 overs) (C Hodgson 88, D Houghton 41; T M Tremlett 3 for 41, N F Williams 2 for 8).

Challenge to Test panel

Peter May and his England selection panel, heavily criticized during last year's 5-0 defeat by West Indies, face an election to stay in office at today's Test and County Cricket Board meeting at Lord's. There are two new challengers to choose the sides for next summer's Ashes series against Australia – Fred Titmus, 52, the former Middlesex and England all rounder, and Roy Booth, 58, the ex-Worcestershire wicketkeeper.

May is certain to keep his place as chairman for the fourth successive year, but Alex Bedser, who has been on the panel for 23 consecutive seasons, Alan Smith and Phil Sharpe, face a fight to hold their jobs. The double-pronged move to unseat one or more of the reigning selectors is very rare.

The board will be asked to approve the terms of a seminar for all 24 first-class umpires on short-pitched bowling. Doug Insole, chairman of the board's cricket committee, will head a back-to-school day for the umpires on April 18 which will concentrate on hammering out a rigid and consistent approach to the problem of intimidatory bowling.

The board expect to reach an agreement with Australia on a minimum number of overs in a day in the forthcoming Cornhill series.

RUGBY UNION



Holding operation: Charing Cross-Westminster's pack show little hospitality towards Guest, of St Mary's, as he clutches the ball (Photograph: Chris Cole)

St Mary's maintain good work

By Gordon Allan

St Mary's.....16
Chr'g Cross–W'minster...11

St Mary's won the Hospitals' Cup for the seventh time in the last eight years and the 25th time in all at Rosslyn Park yesterday. They beat Charing Cross-Westminster in the final by a try, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to two tries and a dropped goal.

They did not make sure of it until deep into injury time when at a scrum near the corner Horner forced his way over for a try. They had dominated the first half and led 9–3 at the interval but in the second half Charing Cross-Westminster, ever-ready to move the ball around even in unlikely situations, closed ranks and all but won the match.

Miles kicked three penalties for St Mary's in the first half. St Mary's won plenty of the ball particularly through Kemp at the lineout and used it to coop up Charing Cross-Westminster in the vicinity of their own 22. Charing Cross-Westminster had to rely on the odd breakout here and there and in one of these Farrar dropped a goal.

Just after half-time Davies scored a try out of the blue for Charing Cross-Westminster taking the ball at the back of a lineout and twisting and turning through the defence. Greenway missed the conversion. Not long afterwards at the height of a spell of Charing Cross-Westminster pressure Farrar scored their second try. Hammersley slipped him a reverse pass in midfield and then ran through a gap as broad as Marble Arch. Greenway missed this conversion too.

Field dropped a goal from a scrum to put St Mary's 12-11 in front, and all was set for the final act. That winning try arose from one of Charing Cross-Westminster's desperate attempts to turn defence into attack when time was running out. It was hard luck on them. But St Mary's deserved full praise for maintaining their remarkable record in this competition.

Scorers: St Mary's: Try: Horner. Penalties: Miles (3); Dropped goal: Field. Charing Cross-Westminster: Try: Davies, Farrar. Dropped goal: Farrar.

ST MARY'S: J Miles; R Robinson, R Harvey, M Dixons, P Longden; A Field; C Whitworth; R Bailey, M Kenny, P Enevoldson, C Hayward (replacement: P Tooz-Hobson), C Guest, S Kemp, P Horner, I Bain.

CHARING CROSS–WESTMINSTER: P Greenway; A Bunting, (replacement: M Marshall), C Hammersley, J Richards, A Murphy; J Farrar, M Cullinan; G Ogunbiyi, J Gair, L Gould, R Pearson, J Coppack, A Watkins, P Davies, A Stephenson.

Referee: P Wakefield (London).

Calder dropped for the first time

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Jim Calder, the flanker who scored the try against France last season which ensured Scotland their Grand Slam, has been dropped from the side which defends the Calcutta Cup against England at Twickenham on March 16. He is the only change in the side which finished the game against Wales last Saturday and his place goes to Jeffrey, of Kelso.

Calder, aged 26, has won 27 caps for his country and, though he missed the tour to Romania last May because of injury, has never been dropped before. I doubt if England will be sorry to see him go; his exceptionally high work rate and strength in winning ball at the maul and on the ground won much respect, not least in New Zealand with the 1983 British Lions where a broken thumb limited him to only one international.

Jeffrey, much the taller man, was capped for the first time against Australia in December as the open side flanker but was dropped after the defeat against Ireland as Scotland rearranged their back row to allow for the return of Paxton and Leslie. Now Jeffrey returns as a blind side and adds to Scotland's already considerable lineout potential.

The backs remain unchanged largely because injuries prevail amongst the contenders.

Wylie, the Stewart's Melville stand-off half, gets another cap at centre but the selectors leave a vacancy among the replacements, which will be filled after squad training at Murrayfield on Sunday.

Although Renwick is still playing for Hawick, I imagine Tait, of Kelso, has a chance of coming on to the bench as he did for the game against France in Paris.

SCOTLAND: P W Dods (Gala); P D Steven (Heriot's FP), D S Wylie (Stewart's Melville), K W Robertson (Melrose), G R T Baird (Kelso); J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), I G Hunter (Selkirk), G M McGuinness (West of Scotland), C T Deans (Hawick), I G Milne (Harlequins), A J Campbel (Hawick), A J Tomes (Hawick), J Jeffrey (Kelso), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), D G Leslie (Gala) capt). Replacements: N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), G J Callander (Kelso), T J Smith (Gala), R J Hogarth (Kelso), A N Other, J A Pollock (Gosforth).



Calder

Smith kept out by Fitton

Steve Smith, the former England captain, must sit out Sale's John Player Special Cup quarter-final tie with Bath on Saturday as the selectors stick with a winning team. Smith has been overtaken by Howard Fitton as first team scrum half for Sale, the leaders of the English merit table.

Bath, the cup holders, have named their strongest available team which includes nine internationals.

John Gadd, the flanker, out of action for four months with a fractured cheekbone, returns to Gloucester's side for their home cup tie with Harlequins. Mike Teague moves to No 8, displacing Larry Cammins.

Steve Brain, the England hooker, and Dick Travers, the Army flanker, return to the Coventry team for their home tie with Leicester. Coventry's captain, Mal Malik, steps down again for Travers.

Loughborough weather the northern storm

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Loughborough Univ.....17
Durham University.....15

The collective sigh of relief from Loughborough University as they won their twentieth Universities Athletic Union (UAU) title at Twickenham yesterday was palpable. They had come within hailing distance of throwing away a final which they should have won by a distance against a Durham side revealing all the tenacity which had carried them through some difficult area games in the early stages of the competition.

Loughborough, who have never lost a UAU final at Rugby Union headquarters, won by a goal, two tries, and a penalty goal to a goal and three penalties. For much of the time it was men against boys, particularly in the second half when Loughborough dominated the lineouts and the loose play.

But Durham's scrum, the key to their success this season, stayed together when all about them was crumbling. Whatever enormities their backs committed, the forwards still exerted pressure on the Loughborough eight. Moreover, with the game slipping away, Durham remembered Oti on the left wing. He had spent an uncomfortable first half on the right, but changed wings at the interval and midway through the second half he slipped into a sinuous rhythm which Loughborough found difficulty in stopping.

Loughborough may also have fallen into the snare of believing the game to be safe at 17-6. Even when Riley kicked his third penalty there seemed little danger. Then Hambley one of the Durham Centres, made a half-break and Lennox sent Oti purring away from halfway. Riley's conversion gave Loughborough something of a storm to ride out in the closing minutes.

Their earlier authority was born on the performance of Morrison and, to a lesser extent, MacDonald and Swain at the lineout and a pair of ubiquitous flankers. Had they opted for less complicated moves they would surely have made more of the numerous pressure points established by good work from Williams and the useful kicking of Reid.

Never mind. They scored a delightful try after only six minutes which began with Howard bursting powerfully away on the right. Rogerson appeared at a critical stage before Williams crossed from a ruck. It was as well that he did, for during the same move Reid had ignored his wing, who was clear on the left and turned the ball inside towards the desperate Durham cover.

Riley kept the scores level at half-time but Loughborough turned round to play with the wind and resumed the lead in less than a minute through Howard's penalty. Then they ran in two excellent tries by doing the basics well: two long passes gave James room to sweep past the cover at one corner, then Reid's break paved the way for Howard's try in the other corner.

SCORERS: Loughborough: Tries; Williams, James, Howard; Conversion: Howard. Penalty: Howard. Durham: Try: Oti. Conversion: Riley. Penalties: Riley (3).

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: R Sykes (Beckfoot GS, Bingley); C Howard (Rockworth), S Burnhill (Woodhouse Grove), S Reid (Methodist College, Belfast), B James (Sedbergh); A Sutton (Larkshen HS), C Williams (Clichs CS); S Searby (St Dunstan's College, Catford), A Rogerson (Batley GS), S Heaver (Hampton), A Buchanan-Smith (Fettes), J Morrison (Wellington), A MacDonald (Gordonstoun), K Parkinson (Richard Hulsh), A Swain (King Edward's School, Birmingham).

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: A Lennox (Dulwich); T Satchell (Queen Elizabeth, Barnet), A Hambley (Sedbergh), J Delaney (RGS Guildford), C Oti (Millfield); J Riley (Uppingham), J Baxter (Ampleforth) (rep: J Thompson, Durham School), A MacLeod (Emanuel), P Whelan (St Brendan's, Bristol), A Mullins (Dulwich), R Davies (Nelfield), M Colaco (St Paul's), M Nicholson (Arnold), J Keating (Sevenoaks), N McBain (Ampleforth).

Referee: R Outterston (London).

Barbarians seen off by Greenhalgh

East Midlands.....32
Barbarians.....30

Mike Greenhalgh the winger who was dropped by Northampton at the start of the week, grabbed victory for the East Midlands with an injury time try against the Barbarians in the annual Mobb's Memorial match at Franklins Gardens yesterday.

Greenhalgh, who was replaced as goal kicker after a string of early misses in the 13 try thrilling match, had earlier crashed over for a try as the East ended a run of five successive defeats at the hands of the Barbarians, who fielded four British Lions and 11 internationals.

The Barbarians had been in front throughout the game leading by 12 clear points with a quarter of an hour to go before the battling midlanders staged a dramatic fight back.

England's scrum half Nigel Melville had masterminded the Barbarians surge, sprinting 40 yards for a glorious solo try and setting up scores for the winger Mark Titley, Martin Morris and replacement Ian George. He had come on for Moseley full back Ian Metcalfe who was taken to hospital suffering from concussion.

EAST MIDLANDS: Tries: Greenhalgh (2), Underwood (2), Steel, Barnett. Woodcock. Conversions: Johnson (2). BARBARIANS: Tries: Titley (2), Morris, Burns, Melville, George. Conversions: George (2), Metcalfe.

EAST MIDLANDS: A Key (Bedford); N Underwood (Northampton), D Woodrow, A Street, M Greenhalgh (all Northampton); A Johnson (Northampton), I G Peck (Bedford); I Heywood (Northampton), M Howe (Bedford), G Pearce (Northampton), N Bennett (Bedford); V Cannon (Northampton, captain), D Newman (Northampton), R White (Northampton), G Wood (Northampton).

BARBARIANS: Metcalfe (Moseley); M H Titley (Brigand), P W Dodge (Leicester, captain), S Bowes (South Wales Police), M Bailey (Wasps), I Burns (Wanderers), N Melville (Wasps), P J Blakeway (Gloucester), H Harrison (Bective Rangers), J Fraser (London Scottish), W R Duncan (Malone), D Waters (Newport), R L Norster (Cardiff), M Morris (South Wales Police), K Bowring (London Welsh).

Referee: G Norling (Wales).

● Cambride University scored eight tries, six of them in the second half, to overwhelm Keio University, of Japan, 48-8 at Grange Road yesterday. The light Blues, fielding 11 of the team that beat Oxford University at Twickenham in December, were too strong for the touring side who made difficult for themselves by missing their tackles. Slack defence cost then four tries.

Keio, who had beaten London University in the opening game of their tour, started brightly with a try after five minutes.

GOLF

Lyle could be in hole-in-one race

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

For one brought up on the fairy-tale derring-do of the young Arnold Palmer, coming to Bay Hill Classic is rather like arriving at a magic sulfing kingdom. They have got Walt Disney, Sea World, Epcot, the Elvis Presley Museum and the Thomas Edison summer home here, so why not Arnie's Adventureland?

That is what the £500,000 invitation tournament looks a bit like this week a special "mystery prize" of £1million for the first lucky professional among the 107 competitors to score a hole-in-one at the 223-yard 17th on Sunday. The mystery is how anybody is going to collect Lloyds of London's money with the flag tucked away among water and sand to hide a casual.

It is just like someone like Sandy Lyle, who startled United States professionals by winning Kapalua's £125,000 in November, to bring off the feat. The certainty is that every player on Sunday afternoon will aim straight at the flag to try to win the million, half of which will go into his own pocket and the other half to his favourite charity. How unfortunate of one of the leaders gambled and ended up in a bunker or the lake to forefeit the £90,000 first prize.

The Bay Hill classic formerly the Citrus Open, was moved to its present site in 1979 when Palmer's club invited a change of venue. "The prize-money has gone up from $150,000 dollars to $500,000 in seven years and that's real progress," Palmer, who is 55 and plays mainly on the seniors' tour said.

His involvement here is similar to that of Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village in Ohio, where the Memorial tournament is held every May and where the Ryder Cup matches of 1987 will be staged. Palmer is active during the winter months, playing one round twice a week with an old friend and overseeing the success of this tournament as well as playing in it.

Severiano Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Bernhard Langer, who are attacked to clubs in Florida, and Nick Faldo and Lyle are competing here. So Tom Watson, Mark O'Meara and Lanny Wadkins. One can only wish these lots of good luck.

US TOUR STATISTICS (to date): Best average score: L Wadkins 69.29. Longest driver: A Baen 275 yds. Most accurate driver: G Littler. Most greens hit: D Pohl. Best average putts per round: M Hatalsky. Most Eagles: D Pooley, 6 Most birdies: F Couples, 122.

New heroes favour revolutionary line

As far as Maurice Bamford and Les Bettinson are concerned the millenium for British Rugby League began last Friday, when Great Britain overcame a lively and somewhat brutish early French challenge at Headingley to win 50-4 and launch a new era. A new era, that is, if the vaulting ambitions of Bamford and Bettinson achieve fruition.

In the team's hotel at Garforth, near Leeds the new Great Britain heros talked frankly and with enthusiasm after an uncertain start. Bettinson is the manager, a former Salford player and coach, who is a senior education adviser with Salford Education authority, and Bamford, the master-builder from West Yorkshire, with a solidly successful coaching background. The first question provided a few seconds hiatus, with the Bettinson jaw-dropping momentarily and a sharp intake of breath from Bamford. They were asked how they would succeed where three successive Great Britain management teams, Womersley and Ashton, Hutton and Whiteley, and Gemmell and Myler had failed.

The answers were sweeping and revolutionary. Both men made it clear that what they are hoping for is an emphatically new attitude to international Rugby League at every level of the British game, from the top professional clubs, down through colts and youth rugby, and the amateur game to the schoolboys.

They want coaches in every sphere to think international rather than parochial.

Said Bamford "When the Australians came here in 1982 and whitewashed us out of sight our game changed overnight. It was not just, as everyone said, a matter of fitness and dedication. They were better rugby players than we were. They knew what they were doing, while our lads were playing it off the cuff.

"This all goes back to 1970 the last time Great Britian won a series against Australia. The Aussies set out to overhaul their game from the roots."

Bettinson rubbed home the message. "there has been too much emphasis on parochial and short-term success in club rugby, and too little emphasis on international rugby. We have the players now to beat New Zealand this winter and Australia next year, if we apply ourselves to it single mindedly from now on."

Bamford and Bettinson know that ultimately success will not depend on brave words and ideals, but upon the skills and attitudes of the players.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Keith Macklin

Punishment for two

Halifax were fined £1,000 and Hull Kingston Rovers £250 by the management committee yesterday when the committee considered a brawl reported by the referee in the match between the teams on February 3. The full Hull Kingston Rovers' fine and £750 of the Halifax fine were suspended for 12 months.

● TOULOUSE (AFP) – France have dropped six internationals and include two new caps for the return international match against Great Britain in Perpignan on March 17. Mongaillard and Verdes make their first international appearances. Wonzinca regains his place at full-back at the expense of Pallares, and Solal is preferred on the right wing to Jean.

At outside-half Perez loses his place to Lagorge and Titeux, who came on as substitute at Leeds, wins his first full cap in the front row at the expense of Meurin.

FRANCE: P Wonsak; P Solal, R Paliess, P Fourquet, H Rabet; F Laforgue, I Gresseque; S Titeux, C Macaill, M Chantal, D Verdes, P Montgaillard, G Laforgue (capt).

SQUASH RACKETS

Davenport in new light

By Colin McQuillan

Manchester Northern extended their leadership of the American Express Premier League to 17 points with their tenacious 5-0 defeat of the second-placed Squash Leicester on Tuesday night. Only the slightest mathematical possibilities exist of their failing to win the first professional league championship in the game's history.

In some ways the imperious 9-1; 9-5, 9-0, dismissal by Geoff Williams of Hiddy Jahan in the first-string match may come to be seen as more important than the crushing team victory itself.

Jahan has been among the leaders of the game for years. At 34 he still ranks ninth in the world and is a fearsome striker of the ball. Williams, the British champion, has beaten him with increasing ease and confidence in both league meetings this season.

Gawain Briars scored an astonishing 27-1 victory over Stuart Davenport in the Nottingham-Tyrella fixture. This puts a new perspective on Davenport's recent first win over his New Zealand compatriot Ross Norman, the world No3.

RESULTS: Manchester Northern 5, Squash Leicester 0; Nottingham 3, Tyrella (Southampton) 2. League positions: 1, Manchester Northern, 81; 2, Squash Leicester, 64; 3, Cannons Club (London), 64; 4, Tyrella, 50; 5, Edgbaston Priory, 48; 6, Armley (Leeds), 42; 7, Nottingham, 38; 8, Redwood Lodge (Bristol), 24; 9, Dunnings Mill (E Grinstead), 18.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

YORK: Somerdale English Women's championships: Semi-finals: Pairs: Atherley, Southampton (W Line, E Fairhall) 18, Beecles, Suffolk (J Baldwin, Mashlord) 12. Finals: Singles: M Price (Desborough) 21, N Franklin (Wisbech) 11. Pairs: Spalding (J Pacey, V Crosby) 27, Atherley, Southampton (W Line, E Fairhall) 10. Triples: Crystal Palace (E Townsend, S Perkins, E West) 12, Lincoln (J Greenfield, V Healey, K Stockdale) 11. Fours: Gateshead (A Talbot, E Crooks, L Miller, P Mather) 22, Morpeth (E Parton, E Kemp, M Webster, P Taylor) 19.

SWANSEA: Old British Isles indoor championships: Final: Fours: Scotland (W Gorham, D Bright, J McGregor, J Bright) 24, Ireland (J McMullan, P Davey, M Dunlop, D Hamilton) 16.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey Devils 1; Quebec Nordiques 6, Boston Bruins 4; Buffalo Sabres 6, Hartford Whalers 3; Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Islanders 4 (OT); St Louis Blues 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Edmonton Oilers 5, Calgary Flames 3; Los Angeles Kings 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 0.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 110, New York Knicks 102; Kansas City Kings 134, New Jersey Nets 113; Milwaukee Bucks 102, Seattle Supersonics 87; Chicago Bulls 104, Washington Bullets 98; Dallas Mavericks 108, Indiana Pacers 102; Portland Trail Blazers 100, Atlanta Hawks 97; Denver Nuggets 133, Houston Rockets 131 (2 OT).

TENNIS

PRINCETON, New Jersey: US national women's indoor championships: First round (US unless stated): P Perrello (Fr) bt S Pottle 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt M Skuherska (Cz), 6-0,6-2; P Shriver bt L Arraya-Gildemeister (Peru), 6-2, 6-3; C Tanvier (Fr) bt R White, 6-3, 6-1; W White bt Y Vermaak (SA), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; M Hellqvist bt A Henriksson, 7-6, 6-2; W Turnbull (Aus) bt L Bander, 6-2, 7-5; A Moulton bt A Minter (Aus), 6-2, 6-1.

INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): J Russell bt L Thompson, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; K Horvath bt A Brown (GB), 6-3, 7-5; C Jessil (Swe) bt G Purdy, 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY FIVES

GREATER MANCHESTER: County Open Championships: Singles: semi-finals: G W Einstone bt I Fuller, 15-5, 15-6; S Ashton bt A Wynn, 15-1 retired. Einstone brt Ashton, 15-4, 15-6. Doubles: semi-finals: I Fuller and D J Habden bt C M G Heron and J Howe, 11-8, 11-7; S Ashton and G W Einstone bt S T Davies and A Hyde 11-7, 11-4. Final: Fuller and Hebden bt Ashton and Einstone, 11-5, 11-5.

RUGBY UNION

UAU FINAL: Durham 15, Loughborough 17.
CLUB MATCH: East Midlands 32, Barbarians 30.

SQUASH

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Manchester 5, Leicester 0; Nottingham 3, Tyrella 2.

HOCKEY

INTER-SERVICES TOURNAMENT: Senior match: Army 3, RAF 3 (aet). Junior match: Army U21 0, RAF U21 4.

BOXING

BANGKOK: World Boxing Association junior bantamweight championship: Khaosai Galaxy (Thai, holder) Lo Lee Dong-Choon (S Kor), 7th.

BILLIARDS

HATTON GARDEN CENTRE, London: Eurotherm world professional championships: First round (best of five): R Edmonds leads A Higgins, 2-0.

HOCKEY: The draw for the county championship semi-finals, to be played on March 23 and 24, paired Worcestershire with Cambridgeshire and Middlesex with Hertfordshire. The Hockey Association Cup quarter-final draw is: Peterborough or Hounslow v Edgbaston or Bishop's Stortford; Blackheath or St Albans v Slough; Wimbledon or Trojans v Pickwick; Teddington or Bowden v Southgate or Firebrands. Ties to be played on March 10.

IN BRIEF

Terrorist threat takes toll

A terrorist threat to kill British sportsmen competing in Northern Ireland caused the cancellation yesterday of the British amateur wrestling championship, due to be held in the province in May, and a Karate coaching course planned for this weekend in Londonderry.

In the wake of the bomb explosion near Windsor Park, Belfast after last week's football match between Northern Ireland and England two other sporting events have been cancelled – the badminton match between Scotland and Ireland scheduled for Belfast this Saturday, and the CIS British indoor bowls championship's and home international series, also due to be played in Belfast, which will be moved elsewhere.

British athletes will still compete in the UK Closed Championships at Antrim in May and two of Britain's top gymnasts, Andrew Morris and Natalie Davis, will be in Belfast next week to help promote a festival of international gymnastics.

ATHLETICS: Heather Oakes, who won a bronze medal in the 60 metres at the European Indoor Championships last weekend, has withdrawn from the Kodak Classic meeting at Cosford on Saturday. Also out are Kathy and Garry Cook.

BILLIARDS: Alex Higgins, making his debut in the world professional championship, dropped the first two games in his best-of-five games first round match to the No 4 seed, Ray Edmonds at Hatton Garden Snooker Centre, yesterday.

BOWLS: Mary Price, took the national singles title in the English women's indoor championships at York yesterday with a 21-11 victory over Sally Franklin, who at 21 was the youngest-ever national finalist.

TENNIS: Chilean officials, unhappy over the departure of their Davis Cup opponents, Sweden, because of Sunday's earthquake, are determined play their first-round tie in Santiago, preferably this weekend as planned. A final decision was due to be taken yesterday when the director of men's tennis for the International Tennis Federation, Thomas Hallberg, arrived in Chile.

● Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, will not play in his country's Davis Cup first round match against the Soviet Union from March 8-10 at Tbilisi, because he has an inflamation of the middle ear.

CYCLING: Stefan Maurer, the promising 25-year-old Swiss rider who suffered severe injuries during a crash in his second professional race at Palermo on February 24, is likely to remain permanently paralysed from the waist down, doctors said yesterday.

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MOTOR RACING

Tyrrell back on the grid after settling dispute

Paris (AFP) – Britain's Tyrrell Formula One team have been readmitted to the world championship after an agreement between Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA), and the team leader, Ken Tyrrell. Sources here believe that the team's forfeited points last season will be restored.

The team, who shot to fame in 1971 when Jackie Stewart won the world title by an enormous margin, were banned from the circuits last year after traces of an unauthorized substance were found in the water tank of one of their cars. A Paris court later quashed the ban but it was reimposed.

The new agreement, which was announced yesterday, was signed after Tyrrell agreed to drop all remaining court proceedings against FISA.

This season the team will be fitted with Renault turbo engines for the first time. They have used Ford Cosworth engies since their first appearance on the Formula One circuits and last year they were the only team continuing to drive with them.



Ken Tyrrell

Martin Brundle, of Britain and Stefan Bellof, of West Germany, will again be Tyrrell's drivers.

HOCKEY

Army put Navy to the sword

By Sydney Friskin

Royal Navy.....0
The Army.....1

The Army defeated the Navy at Portsmouth yesterday to retain the services championship, as well as the Wilkinson Sword, the symbol of supremacy for annual matches between these teams. The Navy were placed second in the championship and the Royal Air Force third.

The minor places were decided by the tournament referee who exercised his discretion under the Hockey Association rules to declare that the points between the Army and the RAF be shared after the teams had drawn 3-3 on Tuesday after extra time. According to the rules the match should have been decided on penalty strokes but the teams could not proceed because the pitch had been booked by a football club who wanted to get on with their own match.

Had the RAF won on penalty strokes they would have collected two points instead of one, but would still have been third on goal difference. The Army would have still been champions in view of yesterday's result.

If the Navy had won yesterday they would have emerged outright champions because they had already beaten the RAF. But it was not their day. The Army had the edge in both halves and deserved their victory. The Navy's dashing centre forward, Spinks, who scored both goals against the RAF on the opening day, was too closely maked.

The Army could have crossed over with a 1-0 lead if Jennings had converted a penalty stroke in the 20th minute. He missed the target completely, but made amends by converting a short corner in the fifth minute of the second half. The Navy forced a procession of short corners midway in this period.

The Navy had some consolation. They won the under-21 championship with a 3-1 victory over the RAF earlier in the day. They had earlier beaten the Army 4-0.

ROYAL NAVY: Lt N King; Lt Cdr M Worrell LPT D Ward, Lt I Bisson. WEA/A L Morgan P/O B Henry (captain), LCA N Eves, CPO G Mather, LWEM T Spinks, P/O/P/T C Richardson, Lt M Drury.
ARMY: Cpl P Musson (RAPC); Sgt P Peacf (RAPC), Lt P Shuttleworth (Lt), Staff Sgt M Downay (RE), Major S M R Eagan (RE) (sub Capt M Pheby, RTR), Lt A Scopes (RE), Capt C Wood (RE) (captain), Staff Sgt F Rodgers (RAPC), Lt N Gordon (RA), L/Cpl I P Jennings (Para), Lt M Banham (RHA) (sub: Capt G James, Royal Signals).
Umpires: Flt Lt M Martin and J Patel (Combined Services).

ICE SKATING

Fairy-tale end for Soviet pair

Tokyo (Agencies) – The Soviet Union took the first gold medal in the 1985 world championships when Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev overtook their compatriots Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov to win the pairs competition.

The husband-and-wife team, gold medal winners at the Sarajevo Olympics, won the free skating with 104.7 points – 52.1 for technical merit and 52.6 for artistic impression. Katheria Matousek and Lloyd Eisler of Canada won the bronze.

The winning programme was a fairy tale on ice. Valova lad in a fluttering white costume, played a bird engaged in a fight for freedom with a black-clothed forest devil, Vasiliev.

"It is the story of his conversion from a wooden, crooked dark spirit into a human being who can admire beauty," their coach, Tamara Moskvina, told Reuters. The programme included difficult combination jumps of triple toe loops and double axels.

Katarina Witt's disappointing third place in the women's compulsory figures, which she won as she took the European title last month, means she can afford no errors in today's short programme.

Local hopes were crushed when Midori Ito of Japan fractured her right ankle on Tuesday. The only woman in the world known to have landed a triple axel, a jump of 3½ rotations, Miss Ito damaged her ankle in December while practising it.

Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin of the Soviet Union gained 10 marks of 5.9 to stay in the lead in the ice dance. Karen Barber and Nicky Slater stayed sixth.

ICE DANCE: Overall after original set pattern: 1, N Bestemianova and A Bukin (USSR) 1.0; 2, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR) 2.0; 3, J Blumberg and M Seibert (US) 3.0; 4, T Wilson and R McCall (Can) 4.0; 5, P Born and R Schönborn (WG) 5.0; 6, K Barber and N Slater (GB) 6.0; 7, N Annenko and G Sretenski (USSR) 7.0; 8, I Mitchell and R Pellizzola (It) 8.4; 9, K and C Beck (Austria) 8.6; 10, K Garossino and R Garossino (Can) 10.0. Other British: 16, S Jones and P Ashkam 16.0.
WOMEN: Compulsory figures: 1, K Ivanova ((USSR) 0.6 points; 2, T Chin (US) 1.2; 3, K Witt (EG) 1.8; 4, A Kondrashova (USSR) 2.4; 5, C Leistner (WG) 3.0; 6, S Carbonn (Switz) 3.8; 7, D Thomas (US) 4.2; 8, N Lebedeva (USSR); 9, A Gosselin (Fr) 5.4; 10, E Manley (Can) 6.0. British: 14, S Jackson 8.4.
PAIRS: Final positions: 1, E Valova and O Vasiliev (USSR) 1.8 points; 2, L Selezneva and O Makarov (USSR) 2.4; 3, K Metousek and L Eisler (Can) 4.2; 4, J Watson and P Oppegard (US) 6.4; 5, M Kunhegyi and L Johnston (Can) 7.6; 6, V Pershina and M Akbarov (USSR) 8.0; 7, C Coull and M Rowsom (Can) 8.6; 8, M Lisandrl and I Stauer (ES) 11.2; 9, N Seybold and W Seybold (US) 12.6; 10, C Massari and D Caprano (WG) 14.0.

ROWING

Thomas a good choice

By Jim Railton

Neil Thomas aged 51, from Iverseyside, is the newly elected president of the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA). Christopher Davidge, who had held the post for eight years, did not stand for re-election.

Davidge, aEuropean gold medal winner, is a man of consideration international influence but with a move to regionalization. Thomas may be what is needed at the moment at domestic level. He has been the ARA Council's north west representative since 1968 as a member of Liverpool Victoria.

While Thomas is a registered international umpire of considerable experience, his presence at domestic regattas and club dinners has been of noted endemic quality.

Thomas, who unsuccessfully contested two wards as a Liberal candidate is a politician by nature. He will need some of these qualities to bring a co-ordinated thrust at domestic and international levels.

He said yesterday that "he regarded his four-year term as a honeymoon period. I intend among other things to pay special attention to improvements in communications with the sport with a keen eye on the business side of the ARA".

CYCLING

Oosterbosch falters and Peiper benefits

St Etienne – Allan Peiper was at first angry and then pleasantly surprised after he finished comfortably in the leading group on the third stage of the Paris to Nice race yesterday (John Wilcockson writes). The Australian had though that Bert Oosterbosch, of the Panasonic-Raleigh team, had consolidated his overnight race leadership with a break that took the Dutchman to a minute's lead on leaving the snow-covered Lyonnaise mountains eight kilometres from the finish.

Peiper did not know that Oosterbosch had died a thousand deaths and had been caught by the fast moving pack in the streets of St Etienne. Just as Peiper began remonstrating with his Peugeot colleagues for not chasing, the white-shirted Oosterbosch struggled across the finish line. He had lost 95 seconds in the last four kilometres and Peiper was back in the lead.

After Oosterbosch was caught his colleague, Phil Anderson, went on the attack, but he too was the overhauled 100 metres from the line.

THIRD STAGE: (Chatillon to St Etienne, 170km): 1, E Planckaert (Bel), 4hr. 45min. 18sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire); 3, N Vermeulen (Neth); 4, F Castaing (Fr); 5, M Earley (Ire); 6, S Roche (Ire), all same time. Other placings: 31, A Peiper (Aus); 38, P Anderson (Aus); 40, R Millar (GB), all same time; 68, S Yates (GB), add 5min. 32sec. Overall: 1, Peiper 15hr. 21min. 5min. 32sec. Overall: 1, Peiper at 10sec; 3, Roche 11sec; 2, L Fignon (Fr) at 10sec; 3, Roche 13sec. Other placings: 6, Kelly at 18sec.

REAL TENNIS

Prospects look bright for Cambridge

Cambridge are set to repeat last year's win going into today's four singles rubbers of the Universities' match, sponsored by George Wimpey, after taking a 2-0 lead in the doubles at Lord's yesterday (William Stephens writes).

Brian Church looks forward to recording his seventeenth victory in his 26th year as Cambridge professional and rates particularly highly the potential of Page, a freshman who spent six months learning the game at Bordeaux before going up.

DOUBLES: (Cambridge names first): D Pease-Watkins (Rugby and Robinson, capt) and P Titchener (Malmesm and Christ's) bt M Swallow (Marlborough and University, capt) and J Crocker (Winchester and Hertford) 6-4, 6-5, 6-1; A Page (Lancing and Jesus) and W Fairbarns (Wellington and Magdalene) bt A Betts (Stonyhurst and Queen's) and P Maxwell (Winchester and St Catharine's) 3-6, 6-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Buckner in

Jack Buckner, the British indoor mile record holder, yesterday changed his mind about running for England against the United States in the Kodak Classic at Cosford on Saturday - 24 hours afterw withdrawing from the team.

Buckner agreed to fill the place of the injured Mike McLeod at 3,000 metres after a talk with the sport's promotions officer, Andy Norman.

RACING: 2,000 GUINEAS FAVOURITE ESCAPES INFECTION AT O'BRIEN'S STABLE

Gold Crest in isolation as coughing hits Ballydoyle

From Michael Seely, Ballydoyle

Gold Crest, favourite at 10-1 to give Vincent O'Brien his third consecutive triumph in the 2,000 Guineas on May 4 is in an isolation unit at Ballydoyle. An epidemic of coughing and running noses that has hit over two-thirds of the priceless collection of 55 thoroughbreds housed in Europe's most powerful stable has so far not affected last autumn's impressive Beresford Stakes winner.

"It started on January 11", O'Brien said yesterday. "Gold Crest has been in isolation since that date. So far he has not missed a day's work. Ideally I would like him to have his first race in the Gladness Stakes on April 11, the same race which I used as a preliminary for both Lomond and El Gran Señor. Gold Crest remains my No 1 hope for the Guineas.".

Law Society, the colt by Alleged who divided Kala Dancer and Local Suitor in that thrilling finish to last October's Dewhurst Stakes, had a slight bout of coughing and missed six days' work a few weeks ago. The three-year-old also contracted a slight infection in his foot on Monday. "It's cleared up now", O'Brien continued. "He has his shoe put back on today and should be working again tomorrow".

The Doctor of Laws at the University of Ireland considers that Law Society is the horse most likely to attempt to give him his seventh Derby victory on June 5. "I don't think that the colt will have enough speed for the Guineas, so his setback is not so serious. I would like to give him his first race sometime in April".

Gold Crest is well forward in condition. An imposing-looking colt by Mr Prospector, the Robert Sangster-owned three-year-old carries himself with an air of composed authority. He strode out well on the all-weather gallop in a swinging canter.

"Gold Crest put on 30lb during the winter", O'Brien went on. "He's shed 10lb now, but like Sadler's Wells last season, his racing weight may turn out to be significantly higher than last season". This is unusual as a three-year-olk's optimum weight is usually the same as it was at the time of his best two-year-old performance.

Perhaps the most impressive mover on a blustery March morning in Tipperary was leading Question. The Alleged colt was a fluent winner of is only ace at the Curragh in October. "Gold Crest and Law Society are my big two. Father Matthew and Leading Question are the principal members of the back up team," O'Brien said.

The two-year olds have been the worst affected by the epidemic. "There have been no temperatures and no sickness with it," the trainer explained. "None of my two year olds are likely to run before July anyway and I suppose its better to get it now rather than halfway through the season. As far as the three year olds are concerned, it is a setback, but not a serious one."

This morning O'Brien and his wife, Jacqueline, are flying to Dubai together with Robert Sangster as guests of the Maktoum family. John Magnier, managing director of the Coolmore Stud and his wife, Sue, who is O'Brien's daughter will be other members of the party.

"It's my first visit and I'm looking forward to it", O'Brien concluded, "it's a bit of a strange feeling as they are our principal opposition". At the Keeneland July Select Sale alone last summer these two groups bought 44 yearling colts for a total of $66,195,000.



Vincent O'Brien: visiting the opposition in Dubai

Berry no better

Sam Berry, the 20-year-old apprentice jockey, who sustained serious head injuries after being unseated from Solares at Sedgefield on Tuesday, is still "very poorly" in the Middlesbrough Central Hospital. A spokesman for the hospital said that the condition of Berry, who is the son of Jack Berry, the trainer, remained the same as when he was admitted.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Seagram Grand National Handicap Chase, Liverpool: Gayle Warning, Nicky Tam. William Hill Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster: Berry Sheene, Windpipe, Sandeman Amtree Hurdle, Liverpool: Il Pontevecchio. All engagements (dead): Last Deal, Mercia Sound, Windspeed, African Connection, Fort Fox, Good As Ever, Torski.

Unfit Cima to miss Champion Hurdle

Cima, runner-up in last year's Champion Hurdle, will not be in the line-up for the £57,000 Cheltenham prize next week. The prolonged spell of bad weather has caused the abandonment of the gelding's bid to improve on last year's effort when he ran the Irish champion, Dawn Run to three-quarters of a length at 66-1. Cima had been quoted at 50-1 for next week's race.

Jim Old the Bristol trainer, said today "I felt that I should make the announcement now before people got their fingers burnt. Because of the weather, we have been unable to get sufficient work into him and I do not feel that he can do himself justice.

"There are no firm plans for Cima at the moment. We shall see how the weather goes. The Welsh Champion Hurdle is a possibility, but in any case, he will be back later in the year.

● First Bout, who made sure of his place in the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle with a 20-length success at Newbury on Saturday, is now clear favourite at 5-1 with Corals for the juvenile showpiece next week.

The firm laid Nicky Henderson's horse to lose almost £80,000 today, including one bet of £10,000 at 6-1. Quickstep, who runs at Wincanton today, has been backed from 20-1 to 16-1 with Hills for the same race.

On the Gold Cup front, Ladbrokes report continued support for Drumadowney and have reduced his price by two-points to 14-1.

Doncaster acceptors

WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP: Prince Ragusa, Pordasi, Catalhi, Remorseless, Vimage Toll, Tophams Taverns, Silver Season, Roman Beach, All Fair, Christmas Cottage, Johnny Nobody, Rana Pratap, Aconitum, Dorset Venture, Go Banana's, Tramblant, Any Business, Joyful Dancer, Pagan Sun, Gunner Girl, Foriaurus, Caro's Lad, Mount Tumbledown, Air Command, Garden Route, Romosa, Agaba Prince, Blowing Bubbles, Double Quick Time, Try To Stop Me, Pyhome, Redgrave kArtist, Wild Hope, Skyboot, Duelling, High Pitched, Master-Blow, Meleiski, Star Of A Gunner, Semple Melody, Rivers Edge Strasmer Nurse, Pythagorian, Qualitair Prince, Noble Mourn, Catman, Even Banker, Bakers Double, kScummage, Merry Tom, Mr Rose, To be run over one mile on Saturday, March 23.

Quickstep and Irish Lord to maintain Pipe's momentum

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Martin Pipe, the Somerset trainer whose continued run of success during February has just earned him the Piper Champagne trainer of the month award, has a good chance of celebrating that most deserved accolade by winning more races at both Wincanton and Stratford today.

Irish Lord, the 10-length winner of his only race so far at Leicester in January, looks to have the Snitterfield Novices' Hurdle sewn up at Stratford. But his price will be correspondingly short. His stable companion, Quickstep (nap), makes the greater appeal to me as a good bet to win the first division of the Sparkford Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton, because he is opposed by Participation, Tigerwood, and Mr Key, three horses who should help to make a market.

Both Participation and Mr Key have been placed behind Wing And A Prayer and First Bout, two of the front runners in the betting on the Triumph Hurdle. Tigerwood finished less than a length behind Participation when they met at Newbury in November, having just won his previous race.

However, if Quickstep is to maintain his position in the leading half dozen in the Triumph betting, he must assert his superiority. Quickstep was a bit of an inconsistent horse on the flat when he was trained by Clive Brittain, but that did not stop Pipe paying 21,000 guineas for him at Newmarket in the autumn. Pipe reasoned that horses who have spent their formative days on the "blasted heath" often improve with a change of scenery. That coupled with his best form – he was a winner at Sandown and runner up in the Great Yorkshire Handicap at the Ebor Meeting – looked good enough.

So it proved when Quickstep, after being given plenty of time to settle down in his new surroundings near Wellington, made his jumping debut at Worcester eight days ago. Backed down to 7-4 favourite, he duly obliged without giving his supporters a moment's anxiety.

Pipe and Paul Leach, his jockey, may also start the day well at Wincanton by winning the Win With the Tote Maiden Hurdle with Golden Glitter, whose pedigree – he is a half brother to that good horse, Main Reef by Grundy – would not look out of place in the paddock at Epsom on Derby Day. The best form of this race is represented by Imperial Champagne, but as he was beaten 16 lengths by Quickstep at Worcester, Pipe has his finger on the form.

With Rough Stones (4.30) and Winter Measure (5.0) to rely on, Jenny Pitman is someone else who could leave Wincanton doubly happy. A decent horse on the flat for Dick Hern, Rough Stones has the ability to outclass his opponents in the second division of the novices hurdle, while Winter Measure has already done enough to suggest that he can take the Portman Handicap Hurdle.

Finally at Stratford, it would be nice if Spartan Missile could keep the John and Nigel Thorne Memorial Cup in the family. Third in the race 12 months ago, and second the year before that, Spartan Missile belongs to Wendy Thorne, the widow and mother of the two men whose memory this race honours.

He will be ridden by her daughter, Diana, whose husband, Nicky Henderson, trains him. With six winners last week the stable is clearly in form, and I take Spartan Missile to win from Swift Wood and Song of Life.

Course specialists

WINCANTON

TRAINERS: S Patemore 14 winners from 98 runners, 14.3%; J Thorne 13 from 93, 14.0%; D Gandolfo 12 from 86, 14.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Barton 12 winners from 78 rides, 15.4%, R Linley 20 from 133, 15.0%; A Webber 8 from 54, 12.5%.

STRATFORD

TRAINERS: J Fox 9 winners from 34 runners, 26.5%; F Winter 12 from 51, 23.5%; J Webber 10 from 60, 16.7%.
JOCKEYS: K Mooney 8 winners from 43 rides, 18.6%; S Smith Eccles 15 from 83, 18.1%; S Morshead 14 from 103, 13.6%.

WINCANTON

GOING: Good

1.30 BROADSTONE NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £1,246: 2m) (10 runners)

4	0-0400	BEECH COPSE (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 6-11-8		E Wells
5	3p	BISHOPS YARN (BF) (BTRS) G Balding 6-11-8		B Reilly
8	p010-4f	FORESTDALE (Mrs M Wates) C Wates 7-11-8		Mr P Hacking 7
11	130-220	HIZ (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 7-11-8		NON-RUNNER
19	00000-0	KANO FLOWER (C Lear) A Barrow 6-11-8		R Hoare
20	1f0-20	RIDE HIGH (Mrs S Wilson) K Bailey 7-11-8		R Rowe
26	4	JUST PAM (J Charlton) M Gaselee 7-11-3		V McGrath
28	pppp	PYDLE LADY (Mrs J Lovejoy) M Mitchell 5-11-3		C Gray
29	4-01402	ROSTRA (Col A Taylor) R Armytage 6-11-3		A Webber
31	000-03f	POLITBURO (D Higgs) J Bridger 5-11-0		R Goldstein

1984: Wing Velvet 5-11-8 K Mooney (16-1) J Wright 15 ran.

2 Rostra, 3 Bishop's Yarn, 4 Just Pam, 6 Ride High, 10 Forestdale, 12 others.

FORM: HIZ (10-3) 6th of 14 to Prideaux Boy (10-3) at Sandown (2m h'cap hdle, £11,444, good to soft, Dec 1) RIDE HIGH (11-3) 9th of 10 to Clyde Court (11-3) at Towcester (2m 5f Nov ch, £1,418, good, Nov 15). JUST PAM (11-6) distant 4th of 8 finishers to Maartin (11-13) at Hereford (2m Nov hdle, £781, heavy, Jan 30). ROSTRA (10-13) 1½l 2nd of 10 to Ballima (10-1) at Windsor (2m Nov h'cap ch, £1,166, soft, Jan 30).
Selection: ROSTRA.

Wincanton selections

By Mandarin

4.30 Rostra. 5.0 Golden Glitter. 5.30 Broadheath. 3.0 Royal Judgement. 3.30 QUICKSTEP (nap). 4.0 Matison. 4.30 Rough Stones. 5.0 Winter Measure.

2.0 WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,476: 2m) (22)

2	p-00	BALLY CODE (M Taylor) R Hodges 6-11-7		Peter Hobbs
3	4-	BEACH PARTY (Mrs J Barrow) Mrs J Barrow 12-11-7		N Coleman 4
4		BILLY'S BOMBARDIER (B Rutter) G Balding 5-11-7		B Reilly
13	3004-40	FLYING JACKDAW (J Sclater) H O'Neill 9-11-7		M Hammond
14	0402-0p	GARY SHAW (P Beaham-Powell) K Bishop 5-11-7		P Richards
15		GOLDEN GLITTER (G Jennings) M Pipe 5-11-7		P Leach
18	23	IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE (C Raymond) J Thorne 5-11-7		P Dever
21	00/f5-	LES DANCER (T Carlson) D Jermy 5-11-7		G Old
24	00	LULBEN (J Macpherson) D Barons 5-11-7		-
26	0	NEW SONG (J Sanders) N Henderson 6-11-7		J White
27	000-300	PADDY O'MALLEY (A Baker) J Gifford 5-11-7		R Rowe
31	000	STEVASA (Southern Racing) D Barons 5-11-7		H Davies
32		TOPHATTER (M Shine) R Hodges 5-11-7		C Gray
35	0	ALMOST CASUAL (D Fisher) R Shepherd 5-11-2		J Quinn
36		ASTONISH ME (Mrs R Dickinson) Lady Harries 5-11-2		M Kinane
37		ATRABATES (Atrabates Cricket) O Sherwood 5-11-2		Mr S Sherwood
40	00p0p	DOLBEARE LASS (Mrs V Dawson 7-11-2		P Holley 7
44		MIZZIE IZZIE (M Florey) J Bosley 7-11-2		Mr M Bosley 7
47	ff0040	QUELLE FARCE (P Lesger) D Gandolfo 5-11-2		M Harrington
48		SPINSTER'S ROCK (Mrs N Stephens) Mrs N Stephens 8-11-2		L Bloomfield 4
51	p	THISTLE BLUE (Mrs J Windsor) A Barrow 5-11-2		R Hoare
53	0f0-f00	VELINDRE (Mrs R Bonner) P Haynes 5-11-2		-
54	00	WOOD POPPY (A Medziak) R Shepherd 5-11-2		A Webb

1984: No corresponding race.

3 Imperial Champagne, 4 Paddy O'Malley, 5 New Song, 6 Atrabates, 8 Les Dancer, 10 Billy's Bombardier, 12 Golden Glitter, 14 others.

FORM: IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE (11-2) 16½l 3rd of 22 to Quickstep (10-8) at Worcester (2m hdle £985, good to soft, Feb 27). NEW SONG (11-0) 7th of 20 to Sailor's Dance (10-10) at Worcester (2m hdle, £936, heavy, Dec 19). STEVASA (11-0) 46½l 6th of 16 to Cats Eyes (11-10) at Devon (2m 1f hdle, £1,693, heavy, Dec 7). QUELLE FARCE (10-7) 17l 4th of 22 to Stars And Stripes (10-7) over todays course and distance (£1,535, good to soft, Feb 7). Velindre (10-12) 24l 6th of 22 to Jimjems (11-3) at Windsor (2m hdle, £748, soft, Jan 30).
Selection: IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE.

2.30 RED APRIL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,878: 2m 5f) (19)

1	4-13202	BROADHEATH (M Marsh) D Nicholson 8-11-10		P Scudamore
2	f0p-ppp	BOLD ARGUMENT (M Evans) R Blakeney 12-11-9		R Linley
4	f01122	ROCK SAINT (G Gregson) G Gregson 8-11-8		G Newman
5	004241	OYSTER POND (CD) (S Clarke) M McCourt 8-11-5		G McCourt
6	2452p1-	WESTON FAVELL (Ward Hill Bookmakers) N Gaselee 8-11-3		-
8	p334p-3	WILD GAMBLE (C) (Mrs B Cobden) J Cobden 11-10-13		S Shilston
9	0021pp	BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (C) (S Burfield) J Roberts 11-10-11		C Brown
11	3-12132	BAYHAM SIR VARDON (G Graham) G Graham 11-10-10		R Goldstein
12	0312-pp	UNDER-REATED (R M English) R Holder 7-10-8		R Richards
13	4rp/6-p	PIPING REED (C,D) (Mrs F Salter) J Salter 13-10-7		-
15	2p0220	ROMANY COUNT (L Garratt) W R Williams 13-10-2		Mr T Grantham 7
16	p0004p	MOOD MUSIC (S Shergold) M Hodges 8-10-2		Peter Hobbs
19	004442	QUERRIN (B Colchan) P Bulgin 11-10-0		W Newton 4
20	p/6p430	ROYAL POTION (D Pearman) D Pearman 10-10-0		R Dunwoody
21	03/p00	PRINCE BUSKINS (F Gorman) F Gorman 10-10-0		D Wonnacott 7
22	43-0pu2	MY ALWAYS (Miss U Brander-Dunbar) N Kennick 10-10-0		M Yeoman 7
23	04-00	SWAGGERING (J Salter) J Salter 6-10-0		-
24	0p4-ppp	WITHYMANS POOL (B) (Mrs B Pearn) N Aylliffe 11-10-0		George Knight
25	/00p/f-	RHYTHM STICK (M Rawlings) M Rawlings 8-10-0		D Hyde

1984: Upham Pleasure 9-10-8 P Barton (11-4 jf-fav) D Gandolfo 12 ran.

4 Broadheath, 5 Rock Saint, 6 Bayham Sir Vardon, Querrin, 8 Oyster Pond, Weston Favell 10 Wild Gamble, 12 Romany Count, 14 others.

FORM: BROADHEATH (11-11) 5l 2nd of 5 to Half Free (11-11) over today's course and distance (£2,724, good to soft, Feb 7). with MOOD MUSIC (11-11) a bad last of 3 finishers. ROCK SAINT (10-12) 3l 2nd of 5 to Saunders (10-8) at Lingfield (3m h'cap ch, £2,753, heavy, Jan 31). WILD GAMBLE (10-4) 25½l 3rd of 9 to Mount Oliver (10-6) at Wincanton (3m 1f h'cap ch, £2,446, good, Nov 29) with BROADHEATH (11-1) 18½l away 7th. BAYHAM SIR VARDON (10-0) 5l 2nd of 10 to Green Bramble (11-11) at Lingfield (2m 4f h'cap ch, £3,147, soft, Feb 28). QUERRIN (10-8) 7l 2nd of 12 to Co Member (11-6) here (3m 1f h'cap ch, £1,592, good to soft, Feb 7).
Selection: BROADHEATH

3.0 HINE COGNAC HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,244: 3m 1f) (15)

1	0144-03	HENRY KISSINGER (C) (H Swaffield) H Swaffield 11-12-7		P Swaffield
2	/p021-2	BARARDEN (C,D) (Mrs R Fell) Mrs R Fell 12-12-0		Miss A Turner 7
3	/4pp1-p	BLUE BEANS (D) (B Rendell) B Rendell 10-10-3		Miss M Seear 7
4		COOMEND (Mrs S de Spoelilla) Mrs S de Spoelilla 10-12-0		T Smith 7
6	/4344p-	GENERAL ELECTION (CD) (D Naylor-Leyland) D Naylor-Leyland 11-12-0		D Naylor-Leyland 7
7	3/2f0-0	LITTLE OWL (D) (R Wilson) J Edwards) 11-12-0		A J Wilson
8	2203-21	ROYAL JUDGEMENT (Lady Rootes) Lady Rootes 12-12-0		P Hacking 7
9	0/u00f-	SUB ROSA (C) (Mrs M Watson) Mrs M Watson 14-12-0		S Sherwood
10	111-3	TAWNY MYTH (CD) (BF) (R Cake) R Cake 11-12-0		R Cake 7
11	0	TUNZENBERG (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 14-12-0		T Mitchell 7
12	0p/4u4-	VALARION (D) (M Churches) M Churches 12-12-0		P MacSwan 7
14	002/11u	TANDYS TONIC (C) (B Randell) B Randell 8-11-9		Miss M Seear 7
15	2/bpp-4	BARDON'S LEAP (Miss K Tripp) Miss K Tripp 11-11-7		J Farming 7
16		RODNEY SCOT (R Fear) R Fear 9-11-7		-
17	fu	SHINING KNIGHT (L Wareham) L Wareham 10-11-7		I Dowrick 7

1984: Tawny Myth 10-11-0 Mr R Cake (3-1 fav) R Cake 20 ran.

7-4 Royal Judgement, 5-2 Tawny Myth, 9-2 Little Owl, 8 Harry Kissinger, 10 Tandys Tonic, 14 others.

FORM: LITTLE OWL (12-0) 28½l 5th of 8 finishers to Golden Ty (12-0) at Nottingham (2m 6f hunt ch, £1,130, good, Feb 26). ROYAL JUDGEMENT (12-0) beat Dicky Blob (12-3) a distance at Lingfield (3m hunt ch, £864, soft, Feb 28, 14 ran) with HENRY KISSINGER (12-7) 5l away 3rd. ROYAL JUDGEMENT previously (12-3) 20l 2nd of 8 to Further Thought (12-6) at Sandown (2m 4f hunt ch, £1,236, soft, Feb 11) with HENRY KISSINGER (12-7) a distant 5th and TUNZENBERG (11-10) 6th. TAWNY MYTH (12-4) 21l 3rd of 11 to Village Mark (12-0) at Newbury (3m hunt ch, £1,303, good to soft, Mar 1) when SHINING KNIGHT (11-8) unseated rider first. TANDYS TONIC, unseated rider at Hereford last Saturday; previously (12-2) beat Buck's Mill (12-0) 1l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f Nov hunt ch, £757, soft, Feb 12) with BARRON'S LEAP (12-3) 32½l away 4th.
Selection: ROYAL JUDGEMENT.

3.30 SPARKFORD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £641: 2m) (18)

1	04001	CORRAGARY (S Burfield) J Roberts 11-3		C Brown
2	1	QUICKSTEP (D) (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-3		P Leach
3	4313	TIGERWOOD (D) (Miss A Healey) P M Taylor 11-3		R Pusey 4
4	4000	AIR STRIKE (R Brown) B Stevens 10-10		C Brown
6	p000	CATMAN (Miss I Ritchie) N Mitchell 10-10		A Carroll
10	3	GRACEFUL KICKER (B) (J Spielman) J Edwards 10-10		P Barton
11	ff	HOOSIER (L Tregaskes) Mrs N Smith 10-10		A Jones 7
12	0	ITS FRIPON (J Tucker) A Barrow 10-10		R Hoare
13	004	LAURENBEL (I Maddocks) I Maddocks 10-10		Steve Knight
15	f42	MR KEY (Mrs E McManus) P Haynes 10-10		A Webb
16	243	PARTICIPATION (P Brookshaw) P Brookshaw 10-10		S J O'Neill
17	400	PARVENO (A Wade) B Wise 10-10		R Rowell
21	00	SHARP IMAGE (B) (M Jackson) G Balding 10-10		B Reilly
22	30	TACHADOR (W Morecombe) R Hodges 10-5		Peter Hobbs
24	00	BEMAS (A Whetsam) R Hodges 10-5		R Linley
26	p	CLA'WHILL GIRL (H Irish) K Bishop 10-5		P Richards
27		HOUSEWIFE (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 10-5		Mr M Martin 7
29		STREAKING LADY (S Wilcox) C Popham 10-5		P Dever

1984: Purple Flash 10-10 S McNeill 7-2 D Ringer 15 ran.

Evens Quickstep, 3 Mr Key, 5 Participation, 8 Graceful Kicker, 10 Corragary, Tigerwood, 12 Sharp Image, 14 others.
FORM: QUICKSTEP (10-8) beat Ten Plus (11-2) 1½l at Worcester (2m hdle, £958, good to soft, Feb 27, 22 ran). TIGERWOOD (11-5) beaten under a length when 3rd of 11 to Crossox at Newbury (2m hdle, £1,284, good, Nov 7). GRACEFUL KICKER (10-10) 20l 3rd to Honest Hint (10-10) at Plumpton (2m hdle, £548, soft, Feb 26, 13 ran). MR KEY (10-10) 6l 2nd to First Bout (10-10) at Plumpton (2m hdle, £540, soft, Feb 26, 12 ran). PARTICIPATION (11-0) 10l 3rd of 13 to Wing And A Prayer (11-3) at Cheltenham (2m hdle, £4,123, good to soft, Dec 8) when CATMAN (11-0) ran out approaching the 3rd.
Selection: MR KEY.

4.0 BROADSTONE NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £1,245: 2m) (10)

6	p020-pf	COLONEL CURTIS (S Burfield) C Popham 6-11-8		P Dever
7		COOL CRESP (J South) J South 7-11-8		G Madgwick 7
10	121/ppp	GYMER (W Sleeman) W Sleeman 7-11-8		L Bloomfield 4
14	000-000	LITTLE ROCK (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 6-11-8		P Scudamore
17	00/bf1	MATISON (M Denness) M Madgwick 7-11-8		A Madgwick 4
19	0-00400	QUITE HOT (B) (N Aylliffe) N Aylliffe 8-11-8		M Aylliffe
20	0p0-p00	TALLYRAND (Mrs S James) A James 8-11-8		G Jones
25	20	BOLT HOLE (Miss J Frank) G Dodge 8-11-3		B Wright
27	000ppf0	MISS TULLULAH (Mrs D Chappell) K Bailey 7-11-3		Peter Hobbs
32	p0000p	GOLDEN MEDINA (Mrs S Perry) P Bailey 5-10-9		A Webber

1984: No corresponding division

5-4 Bolt Hole, 3 Little Rock, 5 Quite Hot, 10 Miss Tullulah, 12 Golden Medina, 14 others.
FORM: LITTLE ROCK (11-4) beaten over a distance into 6th behind Roadster (11-4) at Warwick (2m ch, £1,217, heavy, Dec 14, 12 ran). QUITE HOT beaten over a distance in 5th (10-13) in Taunton race won by Rhyme 'N' Reason, earl

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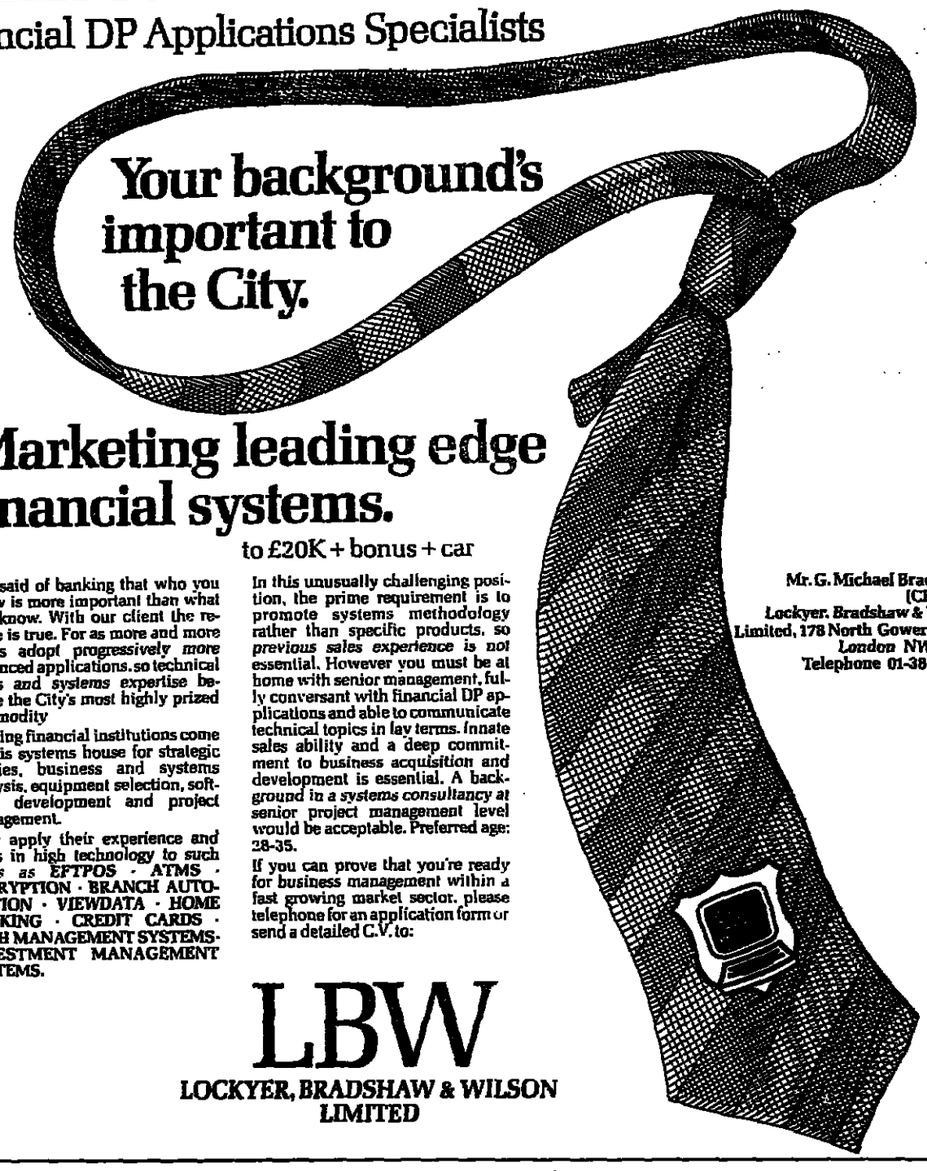
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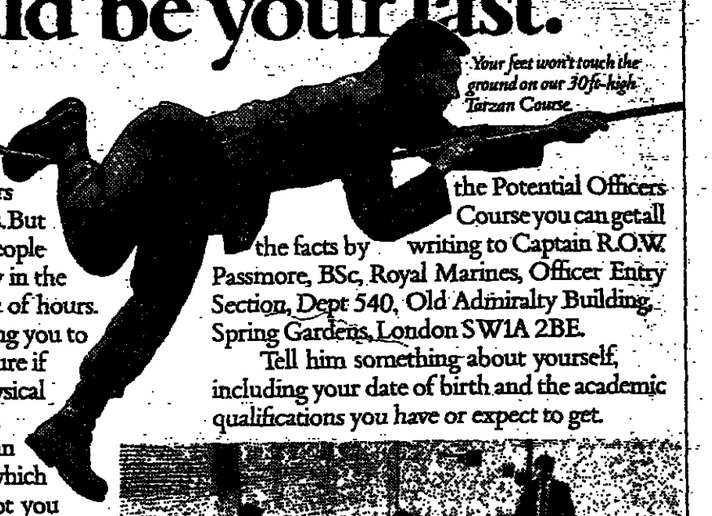
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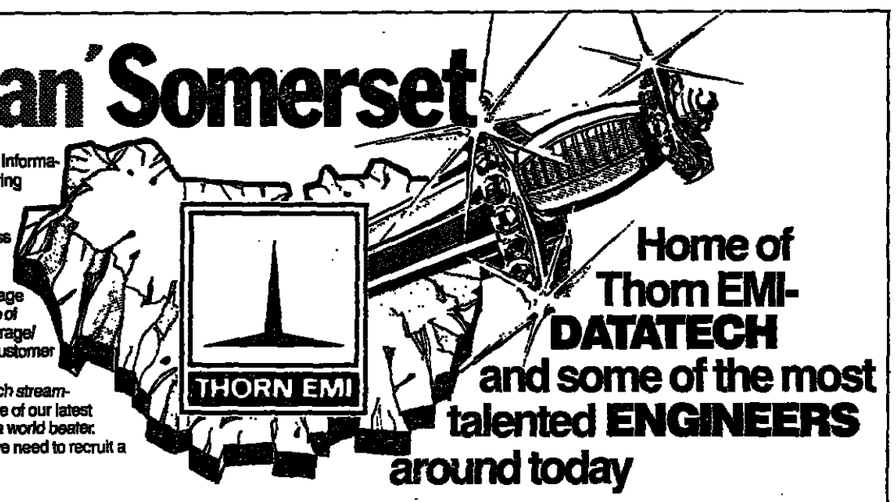
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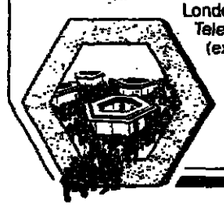
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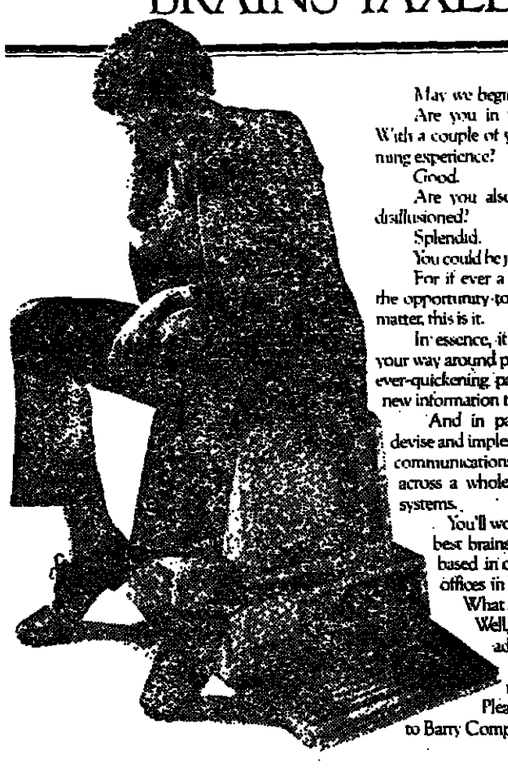
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When charity begins at work

Corinne Julius looks at opportunities in the voluntary sector

Every week in Britain one out of ten adults devotes three or four hours of spare time to helping others in one of 350,000 voluntary organizations.

Charities are big business. In 1980 the total income of the 136,000 registered charities was estimated by the 1982-83 edition of *Charity Statistics* at £4,845 million – 2.5 per cent of the gross national product.

Voluntary organizations are also major employers. *Charities in Britain* estimates that manpower, both paid and unpaid, is approximately equivalent to 2.5 per cent of the total labour force. To run and use such financial and manpower resources charities need a wide range of administrators.

Rob MacLachlan, of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations (NCVO), estimates that the voluntary sector employs around 25,000 full-time staff – ranging from charities such as the Spastics Society with 1,200 paid staff to a local community group with just one paid part-time officer.

As employers, voluntary organizations can be split into four main categories. Firstly, there are those such as Barnardo's or the Spastics Society, whose main aim is to help people directly in need.

The second group is concerned with research and advocacy such as the National Council for Civil Liberties or the Child Poverty Action Group.

The third sector concetrates on the encouragement of self-help activities and mutual support, for example the Parkinson's Disease Society, or a local playgroup.

Increasing commercial activities for funds

Lastly, there are the resource support groups, such as the Councils for Voluntary Service, which provide back-up skills and policy liaison for other voluntary organisations.

Statistics are hard to come by but probably up to 75 per cent of employment opportunities exist in the first category – with vacancies for skilled professionals such as social workers, nursing staff, development officers, teachers and advice workers. Most of these organizations will also need other managers and administrators such as public relations advisers, fund-raisers, financial advisers, researchers and information officers.

Such professionals are also the main requirement for the second and fourth groups of voluntary organizations, while the third group tends to employ administrators and community workers.

The opportunities for financial and commercial advisers within the voluntary sector are increasing and voluntary organizations are tending to become more accountable. Many organizations are also becoming involved in commercial activities to raise funds, and here skills found more readily outside the sector are required.

Within the voluntary sector there is considerable disagreement about what a charity should be. The public often believe voluntary organizations to be inefficient, poorly run institutions, staffed by second-raters, who would not make it in commerce, with a fair sprinkling of ex-armed service types and bossy ladies with blue rinses.

Working in this sector is not a soft option. Most charities operate in a very commited environment, staff are expected to work hard, usually harder than in the commercial world. The hours are frequently anti-social, without overtime pay. Back-up resources are limited, so every employee has to cover a wide range of skills and undertake more tasks than in other employment sectors.

Not infrequently staff feel rather isolated. Fortunately job satisfaction is often very great.

Generally pay rates in voluntary organizations fall below that in commerce or local government. Many charities feel they cannot afford to pay "commercial salaries".

Grants may be tied to government or local government policy and some may be for specific projects in which donors do not wish money to be spent on "overheads". The NCVO advises that people should be paid reasonable salaries, i.e., a fair rate for the job.

Some charities believe it is unethical for staff to draw large salaries as this reduces indentification with their "clients". For example, Oxfam, which raises £19 million a year, and employs 700 staff and more than 2,000 volunteers, has a policy of paying staff at 10 per cent below the market rate.

Organizations pur h poli cies can have diffic suitable candidates, pa financial posts, as Wa on Want found last year.

Some organizations attempt to link junior and middle-ranking staff to local government pay scales, particularly where there is frequent contract with a local government counterpart.

Senior staff and directors are more likely to have their salaries determined individually. Most voluntary organizations do not have the funds to pay comparable rates, and they are also unable to offer the benefit packages available in local government and private business although many of the smaller charities employing six or seven staff compare favourably with small businesses of similar size.

Pensions are rarely a priority for voluntary organizations. Holidays are based roughly on the four to six weeks given in the public sector. But the pressure of work in most organizations is so great that long holidays are not really possible.

Voluntary organizations are usually run by management committees, sometimes composed of the individuals responsible for founding them but often by people with no detailed knowledge or experience of the area in which the organizations work. Often personalities play an undue part in staff management relations and politics rears its ugly head.

Management committees are frequently unaware of the professionalism required of staff and are afraid of efficiency. The tradition of voluntary mangers and voluntary workers results in an ambivalence towards paying salaries which reflect market rates and can lead to conflict.

There is general recognition, highlighted in the IDS report, *Pay in Charities and the Voluntary Organisations*, that voluntary organizations must attract mid-career professionals of a higher calibre from the commercial and public sectors.

At present high-level managers tend to be recruited outside the sector either on early retirement or on secondment. The belief remains, particularly in the Shires, that someone from the forces will have the right sort of background for charitable work.

There are a number of ways into the voluntary sector. It is possible to obtain paid employment before gaining a professional qualification by applying directly to a local authority for a post as a trainee worker in the social services department, though cuts have reduced these opportunities.

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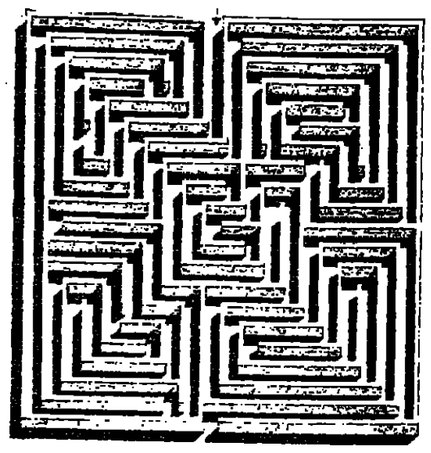
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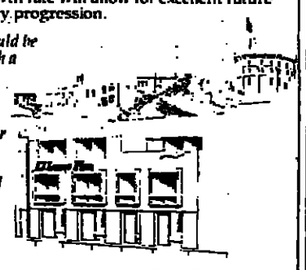
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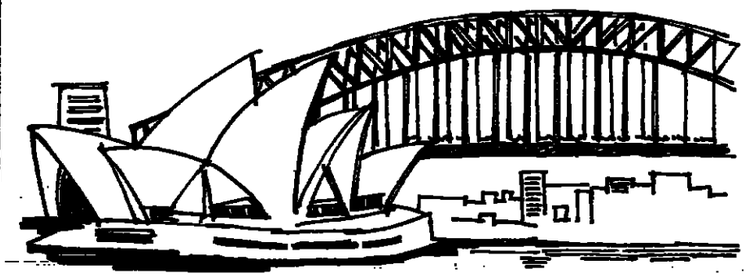
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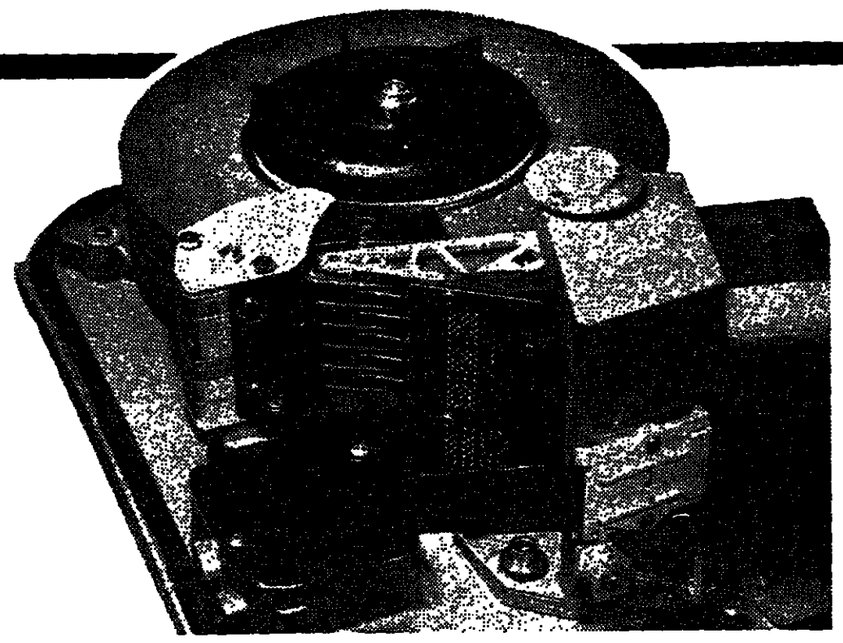
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on Thursday, 28th March, 1985, at the Hilton Hotel, Weena, Rotterdam, at 15.00.

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Managing Directors for the financial year 1984.
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1984.
4. To determine the appropriation of the profit.
5. To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors.
– Mr. B. Proit will resign having reached retirement age.
– Mr. J. M. Goudsward will retire by rotation. It will be proposed to re-elect him.
– Furthermore, it will be proposed to appoint Messrs. J. Kremers and P. A. W. Rost Supervisory Directors.
6. Any other business.

Copies of the full agenda and of the Annual Report for 1984 can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 3rd Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ.

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Beneficial owners of Sub-shares registered in any name other than that of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited, holders of Registered Full Shares and Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company wishing to attend and vote at the Meeting or to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary, Robeco N.V., Mauritsweg 13B, 3012 AD, Rotterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1985.

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BIRTHS

ASCHERSON – on March 8th, at University College Hospital, to Isabel and Neal – a son, Alexander.

BASSETT – On February 21st at Royal Berkshire Hospital to Jennifer (nee Wolf) and Edward, a son, Edward James.

BULLOCK – On 27th February, 1985 in St George's, Tooting to Felicity and Michael a son Charles.

CROSBIE-DAWSON.– On 28th February to Venetia and Richard, a son, George Robert.

DICKSON on March 3rd to Shuna and Mike, a daughter Annabel.

DOWNER – on March 6th at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Lucy and Roger, a daughter, Alexia Catherine. A sister for Charlotte and Harriet.

CROSE – HODGE on February 28th in Malaga, Spain to Nina and Nicolas, a son, Sebastian

HOULDCROFT.– On March 4th to Jackie (nee Weir) and Roger, a daughter, Laura.

KENNY - BERRY.– On 1st March, to Tina and Charles, a daughter, Christina.

KILVERT - MINOR - ADAMS, on March 4th to Jill (nee Pegg) and Henry a son, Oliver John.

MACMILLAN-SCOTT. – On 5th March in New York to Juliet and Alexa, a daughter.

McLEOD. – On 5th March 1985, to Helen (nee Slim) and Iain, a son Thomas Wilson Kidd.

PARRY – on March 1st to Sue and David a daughter (Alexandra Isobel Camille).

PEARSON: On March 2nd to Fiona (nee Williamson) and Kenn, a daughter, Frank Chester (Francesca).

PEDEN – on 2nd March to Anne (nee Cosheed) and Michael, a daughter, Lucy Katherine Anne.

PENGELLY on March 2nd at The Royal Bells Hospital, Reading, to Gary (nee Pumphrey) and Andrew, a daughter, Rachel Alice, sister for Oliver, Victoria and Laurence.

WALTERS – on March 5th, to Bridgett wife of Dennis – a son.

MARRIAGES

RYAN – SPRINGFORD On March 2nd in London, Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs T Ryan, to Julia Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Springford.

DEATHS

AITKEN – On 2nd March, 1985, peacefully in Hove, Alexander Pearfall (Sandy) Aitken, father of Andrew. Service at All Saints Church, Patcham, on Monday 11th March, at 10am. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired to, Copper Cliff, 74 Reginald Drive, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 6PL.

ALLOM. – On 27 February, 1985, at Eastbourne, Vincent Mulcaster Allom, aged 80, son of the late Hugh Mulcaster Allom and Elinor Veronica Allom (nee Mason). For 37 years assistant master at Eastbourne College. Funeral service at the Church of St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne, on Friday, 15 March, at 2pm. Flowers to Maine & Son Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, or, much preferred, donations to Church of England Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London SE11. Memorial service to be announced later.

BATT. – On February 26th, Arthur Charles William, born in West Ham, London, and a keen supporter.

BENTLEY – On March 6th at Haywards Heath Hospital, Arthur H. Bentley formerly of Hong Kong and Walton on Thames. Dear husband of Marjorie, father of Ian and Evelyn and darling grandpa of Linnet and Hugh. Memorial Service at 3pm, Friday, March 8th at Staplefield. Enquiries to Doctor Rawlinson, Hurstpierpoint 832404.

BRADLEY – on March 5th, suddenly, Robert Arthur, aged 64 years, of Tilehurst, Reading. Much loved husband of Joy (nee Little), dear father of Heather, Madeleine, Maurice and Bruce and Grandpa of Julie, Andrew, Sarah, Michael and Abigail. Funeral Requiem at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst, on Monday March 11th, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations to the St Michael's Carer Housing Project may be sent to Cyril H Lovegrove, 114/116 Oxford Road, Reading. Tel: Reading 52016.

BROWN. – On 5th March 1985, peacefully at home in Northwich, Cheshire, Mandy, aged 47, beloved wife of Roger, dearly loved mother of Peter and Lucy, daughter of Jocelyn and the late Elisabeth Proby, formerly of Ballyrane, Arklow, Co Wicklow. Funeral service in Davenham Church at 11.00am on Monday, 11th March 1985, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund, Dorset Square, London.

BURNHAM on February 22nd 1985 after a short illness Geoffrey Cowlishaw Burnham F.C.A., F.H.A.S., I.P.F.A. former Group Treasurer to University Hospitals Management Committee, Manchester. The deep compassion & devoted husband of Marjorie, dearly loved father of Derek beloved father-in-law of Eleanor & darling grandfather to Sofia & Edward. Private funeral has taken place.

CAMPBELL – on Sunday March 3rd in Cape Town, Alice Campbell, wife of Bruce Campbell and daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Layton. So young, so frail, so lovely.

CASSELLE. – On March 4th, peacefully in hospital, aged 85. The Rev. Geoffrey Townshend, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Barnes Crematorium on Monday, March 11th at 2.30pm. Memorial Eucharist and interment of Ashes on Saturday, March 16th, St Martins Church, Canterbury at 12 noon.

COOPER – On March 6, 1985, Maud, peacefully, at home, Westcroft Lane, Minehead, Somerset, in her 96th year, widow of Doctor D. Stirling Cooper, much loved mother of David and Peter, a very grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service private. Donations if desired, to the R.S.P.C.A., c/o Murrell & Dowsett Ltd., Funeral Directors, Friday Street, Minehead.

DUVEEN. – On March 2, peacefully, Eileen, wife of the late Judge Clement Duveen. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please.

FELLOWES – On 2nd March peacefully in Battle hospital, Major Cyril Hallord David Fellowes C.B., D.S.O., Royal Marines aged 78, dear husband of Rosemary and father of Conrad. Funeral private. Donations if desired to The Royal Marines Association. Memorial Service to be announced later.

GATES – On March 3rd 1985, peacefully at home, Lilian Johnston late of Caterham, Surrey. No flowers please, donations for Cancer Research Campaign via H. Hudson & Sons, 16-17 Stallion Road, Birchington, Kent.

HASTILOW. On March 4 after a long illness, Ernest aged 64, at the Hospital De Cimiez, Nice. The beloved husband of Sandra and the devoted father of Mark, Iain and Cornelia, all of whom will miss him dearly. Funeral service to be held at St Luke's, Sloane Square, Chelsea, London. Date to be announced.

HEWETT – on 4th March 1985, peacefully at home, Frank Walter, father of Beryl, Stella, Valerie and Peter, loving grandfather of many. Funeral on Tuesday 12th March 1985 at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.45. Flowers to T. H. Sanders, 35 Barnes High Street SW13.

HOBDAY. – On March 4, 1985, at home in Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex, Amy Florence, aged 89 years, widow of Edward Herbert Hobday. Funeral service at Willingdon Free Church on Wednesday, March 13, at 12.45 pm, followed by cremation

JONES. Suddenly on March 5th at his home, 196 Mayals Road, Mayals, Swansea, Horace Owynne Jones, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Leeds University, beloved husband of Eileen, dear father of Ethel Bell and daughter & son-in-law Pat & Dave, loving grandfather of his grandchildren. Cremation at Swansea Crematorium on Friday March 8, where friends are kindly asked to meet at 2pm. Family flowers only.

LEWIS. – On March 5, 1985, at his home at Purtington, near Wolverhampton, Brian Patrick, aged 44 years. Beloved husband of Brenda and father of Amanda and Michael.

LISTER. Peacefully in St John's Nursing Home, Croydon, Doctor Paul Frederick, M.B., B.Ch., aged 75. Much loved father of Cathy and Barry and dear grandfather of Sarah, Paul and Matthew.

MARKS – On March 2nd 1985, in Worthing, John M. Marks, M.Inst.(Cantab) F.I Mech. E. of Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex. Dear husband of Dorothea, father of David. Service at Worthing Crematorium, today Thursday March 7th at 11am. No flowers by request.

NORTHEDGE. Suddenly on 3rd March, Professor Frederick Samuel of The University of London, much loved by family. Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.30pm on Monday 11 March. Friends please attend. Flowers to Barrah's Chapel of Rest, 468 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TT. Tel. 01-995 0036.

PETTRIAN – on 5th March, peacefully at Bishops Court House, Northwood, Margaret Joan, aged 82, formerly of Curry Rivel, Somerset. Dearly loved wife of Walter and mother of Sheila and Penny. Funeral at St Stephens Church, St Albans, at 12.30 pm, Friday 8th March, followed by Cremation. Memorial Service at Curry Rivel later. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to St Albans and District Macmillan Nurse Appeal, 2 Grange Street, St Albans, Herts. Enquiries to Pattiss Funeral Services, St Albans 5 0061.

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STANLEY. – On March 6, peacefully at Burswood, Cecil Eric Holbrook of Treygunc Blatchlinston Road, Tunbridge Wells. Dearly loved husband of Lucie and father of Christopher and Roger. Funeral service at St Marks, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, March 8, at 10.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Burswood Nursery Fund, Groombridge, Kent.

STOKES.– On March 5th, 1985, suddenly at home, Commander Edward Henry Graham Stokes, Royal Navy, beloved husband of Patricia and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at the Church of St Mary, Compton Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset, on Tuesday, March 12th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Compton Abbas church.

SWANN. – On March 5, 1985, Geoffrey Venables at Chichester, aged 82 years. Formerly of Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire. Husband of the late Addie and dearest father of Bridget and Julian. Funeral service 11.30 am at the Chichester crematorium on Friday, March 8. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research maybe sent to Reynolds Funeral Directors, 31, High Street, Bognor Regis. Tel: 864745.

TEMBLETT – Muriel Alice, on March 5th, suddenly at home, in her 74th year.

TOPHAM – On March 3rd, 1985 at St Monica's Home, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, after many years of illness bravely borne, Pamela Betty Topham. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 286 Munster Road, SW6.

WHITTINGHAM. – 5th March peacefully, Ruth, of Bramham. Dearly loved wife of the late William Neville Whittingham, dear mother of David and the late Michael, mother in law of Rilla and adoring grandmother of Wilhelmina and Miranda. Service at All Saints Church, Bramham, on Monday, 11th March, at 11.30 am, followed by private burial. Flowers may be sent to Swainsons, Harrogate.

WILSON, MILDRED, aged 87 years, of Sterling Cottage, Salmonby, Lincolnshire, peacefully on March 5th, 1985. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Harrington, near Spilsby, Lincs, on Monday March 11th, at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Harrington Church, or to A. Smith & Son, Spilsby by 11am on Monday. Phone Spilsby 52334.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARNES. – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr E H (Harry) Barnes, MBE, Lay Vicar Emeritus, will be held at Westminster Abbey at 5.15 pm on Tuesday, 26 March, 1985. Tickets are not required but it would be helpful if those intending to be present would kindly notify the Precentor General, 20 Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA, to enable the appropriate seating arrangements to be made.

BENNITT. – A memorial Eucharist for Jack Bennitt will be held in the Church of St Thomas the Martyr on Saturday 16th March at 2.30 pm.

KERR: – A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Aileen Kerr will take place at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday, March 27, 1985 at 3.00 pm.

TREVELYAN. – A service in memory of Humphrey Trevelyan will be held on Tuesday, 19th March at noon, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1.

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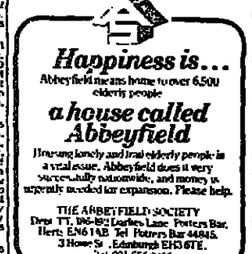
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus Zoe Brown's teenage view of the world; Glynn Christian with a recipe; Richard Smith's 'phone-in clinic; and Heather Cooper describing the night sky in March.

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes the first in a new series on the problems of everyday life discussed by the Rev Roger Royle: Bill Eykyn reports on his progress with the renovation of Pebble Mill's semi – in Solihull; and a song from Hazell Dean. 1.45 Bagpuss. A See-Saw programme for the very young.

2.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Barbara Dickson and Penny Junor. There are items on cervical cancer; fostering or adopting children of a different colour; and on the proposed new guidelines on NHS prescriptions. Plus guest, Pam Ayres. 2.40 Ceefax. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Fred Harris. 4.10 The Family-Ness. Adventures of a family who live in a loch.

4.15 Jackanory. Christopher Biggins with part four of Wilkes the Wizard. 4.30 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds in the Great Getaway. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround.

5.00 World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo, featuring the Men's Free Programme.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 EastEnders. The hunt for the murderers of Reg continues with the appearance of a Luftwaffe badge that Reg kept in a collection (Ceefax).

7.30 Top of the Pops introduced by John Peel and Janice Long.

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Uncle Albert reveals hidden depths to his two nephews (Ceefax).

8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes are joined by Martin Cross, Bruce Grobbelaar, Steve Cramm and Mark Ella (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 Miss Marple: A Pocketful of Rye. Joan Hickson stars as the elderly sleuth who is called upon to help solve the mystery of the murder of businessman Rex Fortescue, poisoned in his city office. The second and final part, tomorrow night (Ceefax).

10.20 Question Time. In the absence of Sir Robin Day, Donald MacCormick is the chairman and his panel consists of Anne James and MPs Tony Benn, Kenneth Clark and David Steel.

11.20 World Figure Skating Championships. Highlights of the crucial free programme in the Men's Championship plus a preview of tomorrow's free dance routines.

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Andy Craig. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; Popeye cartoon at 7.37; pop video at 7.45; Loyd Grossman in Sunderland at 8.15; wedding advice at 8.22; film reviews at 8.40; babytalk at 9.03. The guests are David Essex and Emlyn Hughes.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Play: A Game of Soldiers, by Jan Needle. Set in the Falklands. 9.48 Maths: number patterns. 10.05 Crossing the Channel from Dover. 10.23 Functions of the body when feeding. 10.40 Evolution. 11.02 Maths: the number seven. 11.14 Helping children to understand their feelings and those of others. 11.31 Dreams and hopes. 11.43 The development of computers.

12.00 Ice Skating: The World Figure Skating Championships. Live coverage of the Men's Free Programme.

1.00 News at One and weather. 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman, set in the wine growing country of California.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance. 3.00 Gems. More drama from the Covent Garden fashion workshop. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a creature from another planet. Narrated by Jon Pertwee. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Sooty with Matthew Corbett. 4.40 Words, Words, Words. Fast-moving entertainment that is also educational. 5.00 Dangermouse.

5.15 Ice Skating: The World Figure Skating Championships. Highlights of the Men's Free Programme and the Ladies' Short Programme.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider and Jim Rosenthal. Highlights from last nigh's football cup replays; and skating from Tokyo.

7.00 Street Hawk. A feature-length episode to introduce another American crime series with a super-hero, this one armed with a turbo designed motorcycle that can fly, drive on any surface and is equipped with a laser beam. Starring Rex Smith as the low-profile hero, Jesse Mach, and Joe Regalbuto as his brainy side-kick, Norman Tuttle.

8.30 Minder: Not a Bad Lad, Dad. Terry arrives home one day to find a young lad sitting on his doorstep. The young boy thinks Terry is his uncle and hands him a letter from his mother. Is he really Terry's son or is Terry, as Arthur surmises, being conned? (r).

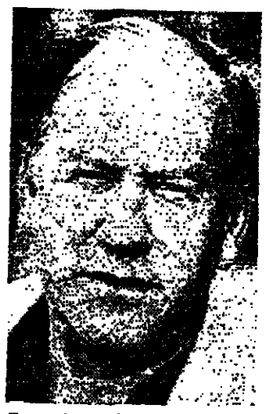
9.30 TV Eye: Arthur Scargill's Legacy. Those who supported Arthur Scargill and those who opposed him thoughout the strike are interviewed. Did Mr Scargill lead or mislead?

10.00 News at Ten and weather.

10.30 Kojak. What begins as a routine murder investigation turns into a hunt for bank robbers who stole a million dollars and who, unbeknown to Kojak, are planning another bank raid.

11.30 Looks Familiar. Denis Norden, John McCallum, Googie Withers and Kenneth Williams reminisce about the stars of the Thirties and the Forties (First shown on C4).

12.15 Night Thoughts from Frank Field, MP.



Emrys James: he can be heard in Time, on Radio 4, 3.00pm

CHOICE

● THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE (BBC 2,9.30pm) is a film about mistresses. It was first screened 18 months ago, about the time of the Parkinson affair, although the timing was fortuitous. The reason it is being shown again now is not because a recent BBC 2 drama series called *The Mistress* switched the spotlight back to The Other Woman, but because the documentary series *Forty Minutes* has embarked on a three-week examination of marital and extra-marital relationships. Tonight, mistresses; next week, wives; the week after, husbands. All that I had heard about the frankness displayed by the three present or former mistresses in Robyn Wallis's film, has proved to be accurate. What I was not prepared for was the level-headed way they define their roles. One woman, having assisted in her lover's act of betrayal, shuns marriage for fear of being betrayed herself. The second, a painfully terminated relationship behind her, now sees to it that the decks are cleared right from the start by wanting to know: "Are you married?" The third, without a hint of bitterness, tells of her transition from mistress of the candle-lit dinner type to mother of a child whose father tried to get her not to bring into the world.

● JACK SQUALER'S TIME (Radio 4, 3.00pm), set in the Black Country, is the work of a local writer, and it shows in every line. You would need to have done a daunting amount of research into the area's troubled past, into the way local folk speak and, more important, how they think, if you were foolish enough to think you could turn out such a rough-grained play as this on the basis of information gained at second-hand. Nick McCarty has brought an almost Ibsenite intensity to bear on his story about the former agitator who carries a heavy burden of broken pride and guilt into old age. Emrys James plays the old fellow. Because it has become a commonplace these days to laud this remarkable actor, last seen to memorable effect in the BBC TV version of *Anna of the Five Towns*, there exists the danger of taking his talent for granted. This is one inhibition I will have nothing to do with. I must insist that you do not allow yourself to miss Mr James's performance in *Jack Squaler's Time*. Its quality is only partly explained by talking about his mastery of the microphone. You do not rely on technical devices to create characters like Grandfather Harry. You have to go behind the eyes, get the heartbeat right, seek out the soul.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Maths: Trigonometric Formulas 6.55 Science: Rocks and Magnets. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.

9.20 Daytime on Two: German conversation. 9.38 French conversation. 9.55 Spanish conversation. 10.12 Science: water. 10.34 The effect of a death in the family. 11.05 Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. 11.30 Cycle manufacturing in Wales.

11.55 Part two of the better tennis course. 12.20 Part two in the series on the history of women's magazines. 12.45 The first of four films about how a Northampton school coped with the arrival of micro-electronics. 1.20 Italian conversation. 1.38 Life in a Scottish Highland village a century ago. 2.00 For the very young. 2.15 Music: harmony. 2.40 The making of a radio programme. 3.00 Ceefax.

5.00 Blue Peter. Simon Groom, Janet Ellis and Michael Sundin with Constable's painting, The Lamberts of Croydon, which is to be auctioned next week at Sotheby's (Ceefax).

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 The Show Me Show presented by John Craven and Maggie Philbin (r).

6.00 Film: Calamity Jane (1953) starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. Musical comedy about a tough lady who promises to deliver a famous singing star to the celebrated Deadwood City saloon but discovers that it is not such a straightforward assignment that she first thought. Directed by David Butler.

7.35 Gorilla, Gorilla. An award-winning documentary about caged gorillas.

7.50 Ours to Keep. The story of how the Spitalfields Historic Buildings Preservation Trust succeeded in thwarting the property developers who wanted to sweep away derelict buildings to build profitable office blocks.

8.30 Out of Court. Should former criminals be entitled to compensation if they have been the victims of crime? Plus a report on the battle against video pirates.

9.00 Yes Minister. Jim Hacker is interviewed on radio by Ludovic Kennedy on the problem of reducing bureaucracy at local government level and finds himself at odds with his mandarins (r).

9.30 Forty Minutes: The Eternal Triangle. Three women, all mistresses of married men, talk about the dilemma of their situation (r).

10.10 Vic Damone. The American singer in concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London.

11.00 Newsnight. 11.45 Weather.

11.50 Open University: Weekend Outlook. 11.55 Gambling on Science. 12.20 Engineering: Linkage Mechanisms. Ends at 12.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.40 Film: Man Hunt" (1941) starring Walter Pidgeon, Joan Bennett and George Sanders. The first of a season of American Second World War films. Pidgeon plays a British big-game hunter who unsuccessfully tries to kill Hitler in the July of 1939. He is captured by the Gestapo, tortured but manages to escape back to England where he is pursued by German agents. Directed by Fritz Lang.

4.25 Countdown.

5.00 Film: Prelude to War" (1942). An American propaganda film which won an Oscar in 1942 for Best Documentary. It was one of seven 'orientation' films shown to every member of the United States armed forces to explain the reason for their country's involvement in the hostilities. Directed by Frank Capra. The Land" is a harsh pictorial documentary, made by Robert J. Flaherty, of his journey in the Summer of 1939 across America. The Fighting 69½ is a wartime cartoon.

7.00 Channel Four news.

7.50 Comment. With his view on a matter of topical importance is Jonathon Porritt, director, Friends of the Earth. Weather.

8.00 Discovery. David Bellamy and Miranda Robertson report on the recent satellite work on the solar wind. Why do we see the aurora?

8.30 Treasure Hunt. Two teachers, John and Christine Weston-Smith send Anneka Rice whirling over the Isle of Wight in search of treasure, the whereabouts of which is contained in cryptic clues supplied by Kenneth Kendall.

9.30 The Nation's Health: Chronic. An elderly married couple, previously in good health, suffer separate accidents and find themselves in the geriatric department of the same hospital. The husband recovers first but when he visits his wife after he has been discharged he learns another accident has happened (r).

11.00 Design Matters. The first of a new 10-part series about the way our surroundings affect our lives. Telling Togs begins a three-part mini series on image and identity and examines the language of clothes through which we express our personality and individual identity. Presented by Alison Lurie, an American novelist and author of The Language of Clothes.

11.30 Billiards. The final of the Blue Arrow Masters is between top seeds, Rex Williams and Mark Wildman.

12.20 Hall of Mirrors. The penultimate programme in Professor James Mackey's series on the world's religions concerns Roman Catholicism. His guest is Dr Jack Dominian, a psychiatrist and broadcaster.

12.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 College Enterprise. Marjorie Lofthouse visits Oxford to see how some enterprising graduates are earning money to support themselves (r).

9.30 The Living World: 'Whatever Turns You On . . .'. Spotlight on aphrodisiacs.

10.00 News; Medicine Now (r).

10.30 Morning Story: 'A Job Creation Scheme' by Eric Bean. Reader: Brian Southwood.

10.45 An Act of Worship.†

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis: Vive La Blast-off! Europe's space plans (r).

11.48 Curious Corners. Marjorie Lofthouse examines some of Britain's more unlikely houses. This week: The Water Tower, Kenilworth (r).

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs. With Pathe Caldwell.

12.27 Just a Minute with Kenneth Williams, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo and Martin Jarvis. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes an item about women football supporters. And part three of Shadows on our Skin.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Jack Squaler's Time, by Nick McCarty. Drama about the breaking of roots that young people sometimes have to perform to achieve the freedom to live their own lives in their own way. With Emrys James, Moir Leslie, Mary Wimbush and Kim Durham. (See Choice.)†

4.00 News; Enquire Within, with Neil Landor.

4.10 Bookshelf. Hunter Davies presents the weekly books programme (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'Miss Mole' by E. H. Young. Abridged in 10 parts (4). Read by June Barrie.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News.

6.30 My Word! Panel game (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers? A chance to air your views about some of the subjects raised in last week's 'Any Questions?'.

7.40 International Assignment. Reports from BBC correspondents around the world.

8.10 Pride of Place: The Forest of Ettrick – a personal exploration and evocation of the ancient Sheriffdom of Selkirkshire. With Stewart Conn.

8.40 Profile. Interview with miner's wife Linda Turgosse.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine of special interest to disabled listeners.

9.30 Ian Skidmore in a BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the film Wetherby, and the play Night Mother at the Hampstead Theatre.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "The Green Man" by Kingsley Amis. Abridged in 10 episodes (4). Reader: Julian Glover. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 9.05-10.45 For Schools. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 The State of the Vatican [new series] Five documentary reports by Bernard Jacksen. 11.30-12.10 Open University: Nordic Adult Education. 12.30-1.10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Radio History (11-14). 12.30 The Tsar and His Government. 12.50 Russia in 1900.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Wagner's overture The Flying Dutchman (LPO under Downes); Bartok's Piano Concerto No 2 (Ashkenazy/LPO); Bernstein's Three Dances Episodes from On the Town (New York PO, under the composer).18.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Beethoven's overture Leonora No 2 (Cleveland Orchestra under Szell); Schumann's Cello Concerto (Jacqueline du Pre/New Philharmonia); Barber's Serenade for Strings (Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under Schwarz).19.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Shostakovich – the final years. Recordings of the Symphony No 15; and Death: Immortality (Suite on verses by Michelangelo, Op 145a). Moscow Radio SO with Yevgeny Nesterenko,bass.†

10.00 Czech music: Martinu's Sinfonietta La Jolla; and Dvorak's The Water Sprite, played by BBC Scottish SO under Starek.†

10.50 Bach and Scarlatti: Virginia Black (harpsichord) plays Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in A minor, BWV 944; the Toccata in D, BWV 912; and Scarlatti's Essercizi (Sonatas) in F sharp, Kk318 and 319.†

11.20 BBC Welsh SO (under Norman del Mar). With Philip Fowke (piano). Part one. Honegger's Nocturne; and Poulenc's Piano Concerto.†

11.50 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitoredby the BBC. With Angus McDermid.

12.10 Concert: part two. d'Indy's Symphony No 2.11.00 News.

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Weber's Clarinet Quintet Op 34; and Mozart's Clarinet Trio in E flat, K498 (Kegelstatt Trio).†

2.00 Opera: Rossini's La Cenerentola. Sung in Italian. Doris Soffel sings the title role in the 1984 Schwetzingen Festival recording. Gabriele Ferro conducts the forces of the Wurttemberg State Opera. Cast also includes Jorn W Wilsing, Raymond Wolansky, Helmut Berger-Tuna and Rockwell Blake. Interval reading at 3.40. Act two at 3.45.14.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections of music.†

5.30 Bandstand: Besses o' th' Barn Band (Newsome conducing) play Cordell's Movements; Bantock's Orion.†and Philip Sparke's Jubilee Overture.†

7.00 Ariel to Miranda: a compilation by Judith Chernaik of poems, letters and journals covering the last years of Shelley's life. Readers; Michael Pennington, Patricia Gallimore, Nigel Graham and Carole Boyd.

7.30 English Chamber Orchestra (under Gibson). With Oscar Shumsky (violin). Part one. Schubert's Symphony No 8. Interval reading at 7.55.

8.00 Concert: part two. Spohr's Violin Concero No 8 in A minor; and Schubert's Symphony No 5.†

9.55 Story: The Pessimist, by Carol Rumens. Read by Susan Engel.

9.15 Hamilton and Beethoven cello music: Alexander Baillie (cello) with Kathron Sturrock (piano). Iain Hamilton's Cello Sonata No 2; Beethoven's Cello Sonata in D, Op 102, No 2.†

10.00 Music in Our Time: Brian Ferneyhough works. Missa Brevis, 1988 (John Alldis Choir); String Quartet No 2 (Arditti Quartet); Carceri d'Invenzione 1, 1982 (London Sinfonietta).†

10.55 Three Choirs Festival 1984: Osian Ellis (harp), Donald Hunt Singers. Elgar's Three Part Songs Op 53; There is sweet music; Deep in my soul; O wild West Wind; Holst's Rig Veda Hymns (Set 3); R R Bennett's Sea Change, and Elgar's Go song of mine.†

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

VHF only: Open University, from 6.35 to 6.55 am. Technology: Bridging the Gap.

Radio 2

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † incl. 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† incl 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 Paul Heiney incl (after 7.00) Richard Briers talking about his 'good life'; 8.02 Sports Desk. 8.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Wally Whyton (featuring Gail Davies and the Burnto Brothers). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Impressionists. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Pepper Adams and Tony Coe, virtuoso jazz saxophonists.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Andy Peebles. 12.00 Gary Davies incl 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am Into the Music (Press Any Key). VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Short Takes. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Handel and the Oratorio. 10.30 Yes Minister. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Mainstream. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Medicine in the third world. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Sins of Old Age. 2.30 The Elements of Music. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile. 5.45 The World Today.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline.† 1.35-2.30 Love Boat. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.35 Report. 11.05 Keep it in the Family. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Crann Tara. 12.10am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.† 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Home Cookery Club. 7.05 Benson. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.35 Skating. 11.00 Strawbs. 12.00 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Police News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 New From London H20. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise. 10.30 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 Ten Green Bottles. 12.30am News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm NNews. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Streethawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.32 The Works. 11.10 Yellow Rose. 12.10am Good News. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Stunt Championships. 11.00 Film: Wages of Fear. 12.40am Hoi. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.25 Str Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.30 Keresley Village and a Strike. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.30 Countarpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News, Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV Wales except: 6.00pm-6.40 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.35 Gardens For All. 7.05 Benson. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.35 Ice Skating. 11.00 Strawbs. 12.00 Postscript. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Mr and Mrs. 2.00-2.30 Adventurer. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.30 Falcon Crest. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 6.00 Calendar. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Fresh Fields. 10.30 Live at City Hall. 11.00 Barney Miller. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Poseidon Flies. 3.30-4.00 Orphans of The Wild. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30 Police Six. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 New Avengers. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Street Hawk. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe and Wise Show. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Rock of the Seventies. 12.05am News, Closedown.

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New 'intervention' by Volcker starts dollar slide

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, sent the dollar tumbling again yesterday, in a repeat of last week's events. His remarks helped the pound to gain 1.4 cents to close in London at $1.0730.

Mr Volcker, in testimony to the House budget committee in Washington, said that the strength of the dollar had forced the Federal Reserve to operate a less restrictive monetary policy. Dealers interpreted this as a hint that US interest rates may not have to rise.

However, Mr Volcker repeated his statement that cuts in the $200 billion US federal budget deficit must exceed $50 billion if interest rates are to fall.

The effect of his remarks, described as "oral intervention" by one dealer, was dramatic. In a thin and nervous market the dollar dropped by six pfennigs from DM3.38 against the mark in less than half an hour.

The pound, which had been languishing at around $1.0550, recovered in late London trading to $1.0730. The sterling index, calculated before the dollar fall, slipped 0.1 to 70.7.

The clear thinking in the market was that last week's events were being repeated. On Tuesday of last week, comments by Mr Volcker sent the dollar down, and European central banks took advantage of its unsteadiness to intervene in a big way the following day.

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Private Eye distribution ban over Parkinson story

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attempt to justify an allegation of illicit sexual liaison."

He directed that the pending libel action in which Mr Parkinson and Mrs Mathew are claiming damages from *Private Eye* was "fit for a speedy trial."

Mr Parkinson, speaking to reporters before flying to Scotland for speaking engagements in Stirling and Glasgow described the *Private Eye* story as "a pack of lies." He would not comment on possible damage to his political future in the light of recent specualtion that the Prime Minister might be about to invite him to rejoin the Cabinet.

Mr Parkinson resigned as a minster in October, 1983, as a result of his affair with his then secretary, Miss Sarah Keays.

Mr Justice Skinner specifically rejected yesterday the argument put forward by Mr Desmond Browne, counsel for *Private Eye*, that "because of one incident in the past," Mr Parkinson had no reputation to be damaged.

It is the first time in more than 20 years that the magazine has been the subject of an injunction restraining distribution, and Mr David Cash managing director of Pressdram, said after the hearing: "We will lose at least £45,000 in revenue, but what worries me is the possibility of this happening in future."

Of the 368,000 copies of *Private Eye* printed on Monday night, 60 per cent had already been distributed, Mr Cash said. W.H. Smith and John Menzies withdrew 145,000 copies from sale after the interim injunction was granted on Tuesday night.

W.H. Smith, which only began stocking *Private Eye* three weeks ago, after a prolonged feud with the magazine, said last night it would store copies of the current issue until the libel action was resolved.

Instructions had gone out to both wholesale warehouses and retail outlets for the magazine to be withdrawn.

In London, four of the company's five wholesale warehouses had already distributed copies to newsagents by the time the injunction was obtained.

Outside London, most copies of the magazine were in warehouses, which had been insructed not to distribute.

The injunction prohibiting further distribution of copies of the magazine will now remain in force until the trial, expected to take place within six to nine months.

Private Eye indicated last night it would defend the libel action.

'Star Wars' condemned by Kinnock at Nato

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Mr Neil Kinnock went to Nato headquarters in Brussels yesterday and told Lord Carrington, the Secretary-General, that he was "extremely hostile" to the idea of research into "Star Wars" technology. The British Labour leader was on his first visit to the headquarters, aware that his party's unilateralist stance is causing grave concern among many members of the alliance.

But his "extremely amicable" hour-long meeting witht he Secretary-General concentrated on the American research programme for Star Wars, officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative. Mr Kinnock said afterwards that his party could not share Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm for it.

He had told Lord Carrington that Nato had not understood the full implications of backing such a programme. Although research in itself was "relatively benevolent", there was no way of knowing when research turned into production and production into deployment.

Allowing research to go ahead meant starting a new kind of arms race. He was equally hostile to any similar project being undertaken by the Soviet Union. He had emphasized Labour's continuing commitment to Nato and believed it was fully understood in the alliance that the next Labour government would meet its obligations in defence effectively.

He looked to the United States as "a cherished and permanent ally" and did not think there would ever be an alliance with the Soviet Union. He promised that "cruise missiles are going back on the election of a Labour Government", but Nato understood.

"They recognize the importance of a decision by a sovereign government which has been duly elected."

"There is no point in Nato cutting off its nose to spite its face. If a withdrawal of cruise were to come about – as it will come about – it would be foolhardy for the others to object simply because a duly elected government was taking steps which it is perfectly entitled to take".

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Marooned sailors wait to learn fate



Mr Audovic Omer (left) and three of the crew taking a stroll on deck. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

The High Court is to rule today on the fate of six Yugoslav sailors who are refusing to leave their ship, marooned at Tilbury Docks, Essex, until they are paid more than £150,000 owed in wages (Joe Ravitch writes).

The ship, the Freightline One, abandoned by its owners seven months ago, is to be sold to pay debts of £500,000. The sale cannot go through until the crew leave the ship.

A representative for the Admiralty Marshal's office, acting as bailiff, said that unless the men left they faced imprisonment and loss of their claims.

Mr Avdovic Omer, the boatswain, said that he would leave "only if they kill me". The Cyprus-registered ship, whose owner has disappeared, went into dry docks for repair in October.

Blundell & Crompton, the ship-repairers, were unable to obtain payment, and asked the Admiralty Marshal's office to seize and sell the ship.

Rebel councils to retain rate support grants

The Government will continue to pay rate support grants to councils which refuse today to fix a rate.

Several London Labour-led boroughs and councils in Liverpool and Manchester tonight intend to declare that they cannot fix a rate until the Government abandons rate capping and dismantles its penalty system.

But the obligation on ministers to continue paying the rate support grant means the Government must subsidize the rebel councils for at least the first part of the new financial year.

Rallys protesting against rate capping were held yesterday in London, Manchester and Sheffield.

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Clash over BBC claim that report backs £65 fee

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the unpublished part of the report, but television industry sources insist that a study of production costs in independent houses working for Channel 4 and BBC productions carried out by the team can only have come to the conclusion that the independents are more efficient than the corporation.

But Mr Milne, at Tuesday's press conference, said that it was not clear that a specific comparison carried out by the team, between *Brookside* and *East Enders*, was comparing like with like.

This contrasts with the report's recommendation that the BBC should pursue comparisons with Channel 4.

It is a recommendation unlikely to have come from a finding that the independents are more expensive than the BBC.

Mr Young described the report as recommending in general "fine tuning at the margin." It is clear, however, that Peat Marwick's brief did not allow the study to investigate manning levels; whether better broadcasting technology was being kept out of the corporation because of potential workforce reductions; and the detail of the BBC's lengthy licence fee application document.

The BBC refused to comment on Peat Marwick's statement last night apart from saying: "What was said by the chairman (of the BBC) was based on the report and *The Times* came to the same conclusions as the BBC in its coverage of the report."

Israelis turn Tyre into city of terror

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strate when they are stopped by Israeli troops.

Many cars containing Shin Bet plain-clothes intelligence men were moving yesterday through the city of Tyre, sometimes arresting motorists in the streets and taking them, without giving reasons, to the Shin Bet compound. Many prisoners have complained in the past that the Shin Bet headquarters has been the scene of fierce beatings.

When I visited the headquarters of the United Nations truce supervisory organization yesterday to ask UN observers there to inquire of the Israelis about the taxi driver, whom I knew and who had been arrested and hooded, a French officer said: "All I can do is tell the International Red Cross. They will tell the Israelis, but the Israelis do not have to reply to the Red Cross for 20 days. That is the regulation."

Yesterday afternoon hundreds of Israeli soldiers began arresting villagers near Bidias, about 10 miles from Tyre, while civilians near Teir Dibba were observed being forced to sit on a hillside by the Israelis outside their village.

An Associated Press reporter, Mr Samir Ghattas, and an AP photographer, Mr Don Mell, together with three other journalists, were later arrested by Israeli troops and escorted in their own cars through Tyre by heavily armed Israeli troops. A photographer stopped by the Israelis was later ordered to report to the Shin Bet headquarters.

In Tyre yesterday evening Israeli troops could be observed spraying heavy machine gun-fire in long bursts over the roads and fields immediately to the north of the city, cutting off all traffic between Tyre and the north.

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Diplomat charge

The London-based diplomat Mr Godfrey Lubinga was charged last night with illegally importing heroin. He will appear before Uxbridge magistrates today.

Harlech verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded after an inquest was told that Lord Harlech, chairman of TTV, skidded while driving at about 85 mph.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the Ealing town centre Shopping Centre, 2.45.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visit Nottinghamshire; arrive Alfreton and Mansfield Parkway Station, 10. The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, visits Portland Training College, Mansfield, 10.30; and later they visit the Council House, Nottingham, 12.40; at 2.45 they visit the headquarters of Nottinghamshire Fire Brigade, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, attends luncheon at the Saddlers' Hall and receives the 9th Silver Jubilee Saddle from the Saddlers' Company, 1.

The Duke of Gloucester carries out engagements in Stirling; arrives Stirling Castle, 2.30; and later, as Grand Prior, The Order of St. John, attends the inaugural concert of the St. John Musical Society of Scotland, MacRobert Centre, Stirling, 7.35.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend The Horse and Hound Dinner and Ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel, 8.

New exhibitions

A Singular Vision: work by many famous figurative artists; Milton Keynes Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Saxon Gate East; Mon to Wed 9.30 to 6, Thurs and Fri 9.30 to 8, Sat 10 to 5 (ends April 13).

Paintings by Alfred Wallis; Mercury Gallery, 2-3 North Bank St, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 1 (ends April 6).

A Salisbury Sketchbook: miniatures, pastels, paintings and prints by Pauline Gyles and Joy Shepherd; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (ends April 13).

Music

Concert by the Berlin State Symphony Orchestra; St David's, Cardiff, 7.30.

Recital by the Allegri String Quartet, Bootham School Hall, York, 7.30.

Recital by Moray Welsh (cello) and Anthony Goldstone (piano); Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Sq, Manchester, 1.05.

Concert by the Allegri String Quartet; Bootham School Hall, York, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, City Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

Recital by Andrew Mayer (baritone) and Nigel Foster (piano), St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, Bucks, 1.10.

Concert by the Trinity College of Music Chamber Orchestra; St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Haydn's *Creation* by the Winchester Music Club; Winchester Cathedral, 7.30.

Recital by Patrick Mattar (violin) and George Mattar (piano); Solihull Library Theatre, 1.

Talks, lectures

The Social Responsibilty of the *Broadcasting Media*, by Dame Mary Warnock; John Rylands Library, Muriel Stott Conference Centre, Manchester University, 5.30.

Economics of Truth and the Truth of Economics, by Prof F H Hahn; Reception Room, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol University, 5.15.

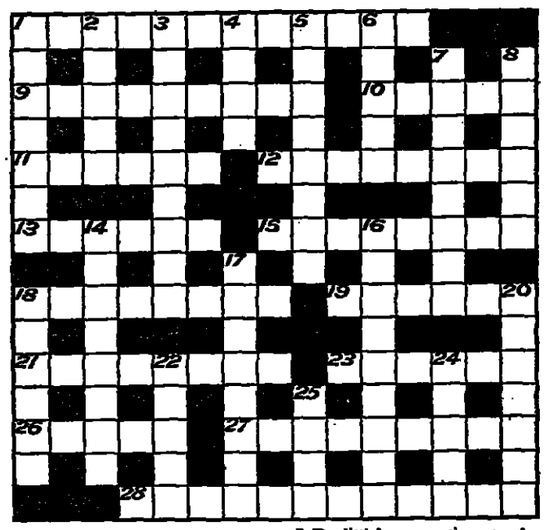
The Making of a Successful Railway, by Michael Draper; Renold Theatre, UMIST, Manchester, 7.30

Does Science Spell Progress? by John Maddox; Lecture Theatre, Royal Scottish Museum, Lothian St, Edinburgh, 7.30.

General

East Anglia Spring Antiques Fair; The Athenaeum, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, 2 to 8, tomorrow 11 to 8, Sat 10.30 to 5.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,679



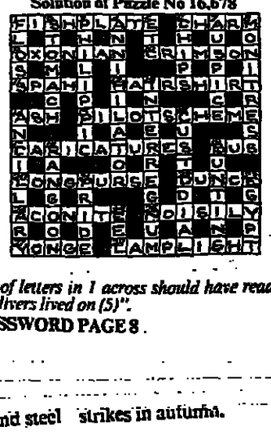
ACROSS

1 Publication several hours behind ours (3,4,5).
9 Common sense lacked by old man? (6,3).
10 Convey the president (5).
11 Article used in recipe for a sort of pastry (6).
12 Island off the Needles? (8).
13 *Simpleton appearing regularly to make strike calls (6).*
15 Coast used by surfer (8).
18 Part right behind leader in minority group (8)
19 Carrier is astern of sailing vessel (6).
21 *Performing with distinction,* initially in Devon (8).
23 Run through with more bias (6).
26 Dashed with spirit, unlike Wellington? (5).
27 Recluse, note, a rich eccentric (9).
28 Capital way to get to Exeter or Lincoln (6,6).

DOWN

1 Lunatic cuts no ice, endlessly wandering (7).
2 *Old assembly I want reformed* (5).
3 Go too far, having lofty aims? (9).
4 Out of luck, I will get the bird (4).
5 Doolittle's suggestion to less refined burglar (8).
6 He devised changes to the German code (5).
7 Go to Luke for success in test (4-4).
8 *Steady deterioration* caused stoppage (6).
14 Cold type of cleaner required for Duke's carriage (8).
16 Indian jet covers short distance (9).
17 This state comes to pass, or there's trouble (8).
18 Crew's quarters reduced by 40% altogether (6).
20 Constable's superior, it's said, as painter (7).
22 Reference section we have on hand (5).
24 Innocent naturalist (5).
25 Fish is distressed, caught in it (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,678



Correction

In yesterday's crossword the number of letters in 1 across should have read (4-5); 1 down was "Fluffy stuff the Tullivers lived on (5)".

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

The Book of Lost Tales, by J. R. R. Tolkien (Unicorn, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

A History of the Soviet Union, by Geoffrey Hosking (Fontana, £4.95)
Digging Deeper, Issues in the Miners' Strike, edited by Huw Beynon (Verson, £3.95)
Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy, by Bernard Williams (Fontana, £3.95)
Mailer, A Biography, by Hilary Mills (New English Library, £4.95)
Memoirs of a British Agent, by R. H. Bruce Lockhart (Papermac, £7.50)
Pepys, The Years of Peril, by Arthur Bryant (Granada, £3.95)
Russell, by Mark Sainsbury (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £7.95)
Schopenhauer, by D. W. Hamlyn (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £5.95)
Victorian Love Poetry, selected by Thomas Blaikie (Papermac, £3.95) PH

Roads

Wales and West: A438: Temporary traffic signals at Ashchurch near Tewkesbury; diversion signed. A419: Resurfacing on the Stratton by-pass, Swindon; contraflow in operation on the northbound carriagway. A449: Two sets of contraflow in operation due to roadworks between M4 (junction 24) near Caerleon and Usk; also lane restrictions at Cat's Ash.

The North: A1: Junction improvement work on southbound carriagway at Barnsdale Bar; near side lane closed for a distance. A1: Roadworks at North Charlton, NW of Alnwick. A1: Outside lane closed in both directions between Killingworth slip roads and Moor Farm roundabout, Tyne and Wear.

Scotland: A92: Single lane traffic control on the Esplanade, Kirkcaldy; delays at peak periods. A929: Road construction near A928 junction 4½ miles N of Dundee; temporary diversions. A68: Single line traffic with lights (24hrs) at the N end of Jebburgh; bridge reconstruction.

Information supplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Births: Joseph Niepce, pioneer of photography, Châlon-sur Saône, 1765; Alessandro Manzoni, poet and novelist, Milan, 1785; Sir John Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Bucks, 1792; Sir Edwin Landseer, London, 1802; Maurice Ravel, Ciboure, France, 1875.

Deaths: Aristide Briand, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Paris, 1932; Percy Wyndham Lewis, writer and artist, founder of Vorticism, London, 1957.

Today is the Feast of Saints Perpetua and Felicitas.

£10,000 bonds

The winning numbers in the £10,000 Premium Bond draw for March are: 4SF 930849, the winner lives in Hertfordshire; 15VF 973509 (Liverpool); 18WK 417236 (Kent); 5YP 173424 (Gwent); 15YZ 274491 (Surrey).

The papers

The Daily Express says: "It would be too much to hope that Lord Bridge's reassuring findings about security service phone tapping will satisfy the tap-bores." It adds: "As to Miss Cathy Massiter's charges that the security services improperly tapped the phones of CND and trade union activists, it would be as difficult for her to prove those allegations as it would be for anyone in authority to disprove them".

The Daily Mirror says that none of the allegations of phone tapping made by an MI5 official have been answered in the report. Instead, Lord Bridge was "merely requested to say whether interception warrants were properly authorized, and, of course, they were". The paper adds: "He didn't produce a whitewash. He was given it."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order and on Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order.

Lords (3): Films Bill, committee.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.59	1.62
Austria Sch	25.30	25.10
Belgium Fr	75.50	72.00
Canada $	1.55	1.47
Denmark Kr	13.45	12.80
Finland Mkk	7.80	7.40
France Fr	11.40	10.90
Germany DM	3.75	3.57
Greece Dr	161.00	160.00
Hong Kong $	8.95	8.50
Ireland Pr	1.213	1.153
Italy Lire	2330.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	291.00	275.00
Netherlands Gld	4.265	4.045
Norway Kr	10.74	10.24
Portugal Esc	203.00	193.00
South Africa Rd	2.55	2.20
Spain Pta	204.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	10.82	10.10
Switzerland Fr	3.16	3.04
USA $	1.10	1.05
Yugoslavia Dnr	294.00	278.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 359.8.

London: The *FT* index closed up 8.4 at 990.4.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these times.

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If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

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The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

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Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Crans-Montana	40	140	hard	crust	worn	snow	4
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Flaine	98	310	good	varied	good	cloud	1
New snow on hard base							
Gstaad	35	70	fair	heavy	poor	cloud	5
Bare patches on lower slopes							
Kitzbühel	5	61	worn	spring	poor	cloud	6
Off piste conditions improved							
St Anton	30	230	fair	varied	poor	snow	7
Good skiing above 1800m							
St Moritz	80	150	powder	powder	good	snow	2
Heavy snow, avalanche danger							
Sauze d'Oulx	40	90	good	powder	good	cloud	-2
Skiing good on all slopes							
Val Thorens	110	210	good	powder	good	snow	4
New snow on good base							
Verbier	70	200	good	varied	good	snow	4
Pistes in good condition							
Wengen	40	120	good	powder	fair	snow	2
Good skiing everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

Weather forecast

A frontal trough from SW England to central Scotland will move slowly and another trough of low pressure will approach NW districts of the British Isles later.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Sunny periods, dry, becoming cloudy later with a little rain in places; wind S fight; max temp 11C (52F).

Central S, NW, central N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming drier and brighter later; wind S, light or moderate, becoming NW, light; max temp 10C (50F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Becoming dry, sunny periods developing; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming drier and brighter later; wind S, light or moderate, becoming NW, light; max temp 9C (48F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods, isolated showers, becoming cloudy later with rain spreading from W; wind W, light, backing S, increasing fresh or strong; max temp 8C (46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly sunny and dry in the S, rain at times in the N; temperatures near or slightly above normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S, moderate at first becoming variable, light, occasional rain at first; visibility moderate, fog patches at first; sea slight becoming smooth. English Channel (E): Wind variable becoming mainly W light or moderate, showers; visibility moderate or good; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate increasing fresh, showers; visibility moderate or good; sea slight, becoming moderate.

Sun rises: 6.38 am Sun sets: 5.51 pm
Moon sets: 7.10 am Moon rises: 6.28 pm
Full Moon 2.13 am.

Lighting-up time

London 6.21 pm to 6.01 am
Bristol 6.31 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 5.30 pm to 5.17 am
Manchester 6.28 pm to 6.11 am
Penzance 6.44 pm to 6.21 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sunny; fg, fog.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	9	48	Guernsey	s	6	46
Birmingham	s	9	48	Inverness	f	12	54
Blackpool	c	9	48	Jersey	fg	6	43
Bristol	f	9	48	London	s	11	52
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	s	10	50
Edinburgh	c	11	52	Newcastle	s	9	48
Glasgow	c	9	48	Ronaldsway	c	7	45

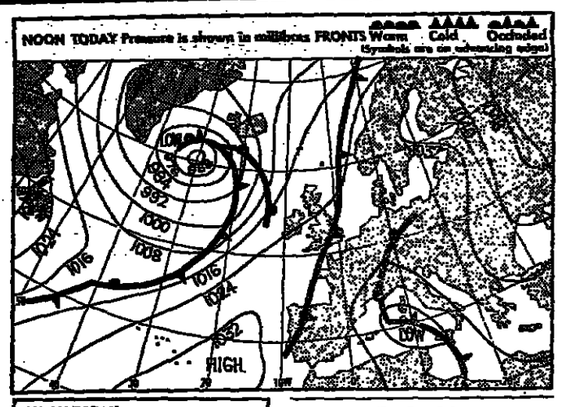
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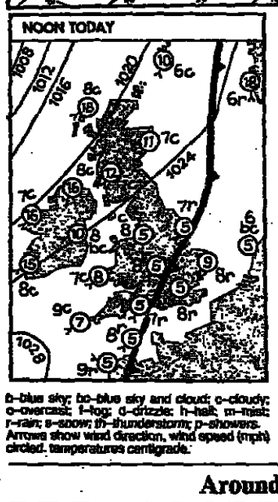
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 9.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.8 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lossiemouth, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Folkestone, 6C (41F); highest rainfall: Benbecula, Tiree, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Southsea, Shanklin, Sandown, 8.9hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.52	7.1	2.16	7.5
Aberdeen	1.21	4.3	1.27	4.5
Avonmouth	7.23	13.5	7.51	13.7
Belfast	11.04	3.6	11.27	3.3
Cardiff	7.08	12.5	7.36	12.5
Devonport	6.02	5.7	6.33	5.8
Dover	11.04	6.6	11.30	6.8
Falmouth	5.32	5.5	6.3	6.4
Glasgow	1.02	4.4	1.03	4.9
Harwich			12.11	4.1
Holyhead	10.24	5.8	10.49	5.7
Hull	6.31	7.5	6.38	7.7
Ilfracombe	6.10	9.4	6.35	9.5
Leith	2.38	5.5	2.56	5.7
Liverpool	11.27	9.7	11.51	9.7
Lowestoft	9.53	2.4	9.55	2.5
Margate			12.27	4.8
Milford Haven	6.24	7.3	6.48	7.3
Newquay	5.14	7.3	5.38	7.3
Oban	5.55	4.2	6.31	4.1
Penzance	4.57	5.8	5.30	5.7
Portland	7.05	2.4	7.58	2.2
Portsmouth	11.34	4.7		
Shoreham	11.22	6.4	11.52	6.5
Southampton	11.09	4.5	11.32	4.7
Swansea	6.29	9.8	6.55	9.8
Tees	3.48	5.4	3.56	5.7
Watton-on-Naze			12.05	4.3

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	9.0	–	10	50	Sunny
Bridlington	9.5	–	10	50	Sunny
Cromer	9.2	–	12	54	Sunny
Lowestoft	9.1	–	8	46	Sunny
Clacton	8.5	–	7	45	Sunny
Margate	–	–	10	50	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	–	5	41	Fog
Hastings	1.1	–	7	45	Fog am
Eastbourne	3.2	–	8	46	Bright
Brighton	–	–	9	48	Sunny
Worthing	9.1	–	9	48	Sunny
Littlehampton					
Bognor Pr	9.7	–	9	48	Sunny
Southsea	9.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Sandown	9.8	–	9	48	Sunny
Shanklin	9.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Bournemth	5.1	–	9	48	Bright
Poole	5.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Swanage	7.3	–	10	50	Cloudy
Weymouth					
Exmouth	0.4	–	9	48	Cloudy
Teignmouth	0.9	–	9	48	Cloudy
Torquay	0.6	–	9	48	Drizzle
Falmouth	–	.06	10	50	Showers
Penzance	–	.15	11	52	Dull
Jersey	5.0	–	10	50	Sunny
Guernsey	7.4	–	10	50	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.3	.03	11	52	Cloudy
Newquay					
Ilfracombe	–	.04	9	48	Rain
Teeby	–	.18	8	46	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	3.2	.01	10	50	Sunny
Southport	4.5	.04	9	48	Cloudy
Morecambe	5.4	.03	11	52	Bright
Douglas	–	.04	8	46	Rain
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Clrl)	9.4	–	11	52	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	7.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Bristol (Clrl)	5.3	–	11	52	Rain
Cardiff (Clrl)	0.1	.03	9	48	Rain
Anglesey	–	.01	8	46	Rain
B'pool (Airpt)	2.8	.01	10	50	Rain
Manchester	6.7	.04	12	54	Rain
Nottingham	8.1	–	11	52	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	9.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Carlisle	3.1	–	12	54	Cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	0.2	.02	9	48	Rain
Prestwick	1.5	–	10	50	Cloudy
Glasgow	0.1	–	9	48	Rain
Tiree	–	.27	8	46	Rain
Stornoway	0.2	.09	9	48	Rain
Lerwick	1.2	–	8	46	Cloudy
Wick	3.6	–	9	48	Bright
Kinloss	7.1	–	12	54	Cloudy
Aberdeen	5.5	–	11	52	Bright
St Andrews	3.6	–	13	55	Bright
Edinburgh	0.4	–	11	52	Cloudy
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	–	10	50	Rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	11	52	Cologne	r	5	41	Majorca	f	13	55	Rome	f	15	59
Alicante	s	16	61	Copenhagen	s	2	36	Malaga	s	17	63	Salzburg	c	3	37
Alexandria	f	16	64	Corfu	s	18	64	Malta	s	24	75	Sao Paulo*	c	29	84
Algiers	r	9	48	Dublin	c	9	48	Melbourne*	f	15	59	S Francisco*	f	2	45
Amsterdam	fg	2	36	Dubrovnik	c	16	61	Mexico C*	s	21	70	Santiago*	s	21	70
Athens	s	16	61	Faro	s	15	59	Miami*	s	27	81	Seoul	f	1	34
Bahrain	s	17	63	Florence	f	12	54	Milan	r	8	46	Singapore			
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	c	6	43	Montreal*	sn	-4	25	Stockholm	c	1	34
Barcelona	s	13	55	Funchal	s	15	61	Moscow	s	-9	16	Strasbourg	c	8	46
Beirut	s	16	61	Geneva	s	5	41	Munich	c	4	39	Sydney	c	20	68
Belgrade	s	15	59	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi*	f	23	73	Tangier	s	16	61
Berlin	c	3	37	Helsinki	sn	-4	25	Naples	r	17	63	Tel Aviv	s	19	66
Bermuda	c	21	70	Hong Kong	c	17	63	New Delhi	s	32	90	Tenerife	f	18	64
Biarritz	r	10	50	Innsbruck	f	9	48	New York*	sn	-3	27	Tokyo	c	7	45
Bologna	fg	2	36	Istanbul	s	9	48	Nice	r	11	52	Toronto*	sn	-1	30
Bordeaux	r	11	52	Jeddah	s	28	82	Oslo	c	1	34	Tunis	c	15	59
Brussels	fg	3	37	Jo'burg*				Paris	c	4	39	Valencia	s	14	57
Budapest	f	8	46	Karachi	s	22	72	Peking	s	4	39	Vancouver*	c	6	43
Buen Aires*	s	21	70	Las Palmas	c	18	64	Perth	s	27	81	Venice	c	11	52
Cairo				Lisbon	s	13	55	Prague	c	2	36	Vienna	c	4	39
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Locarno	f	4	39	Reykjavik	si	2	36	Warsaw	f	1	34
C'blanca	s	15	59	L Angeles*	f	12	54	Rhodes	s	18	64	Washington*	s	15	86
Chicago*	c	-3	27	Luxemburg	c	4	39	Riyadh	s	21	70	Wellington*	c	18	66
Chr'church	s	27	81	Madrid	s	8	46	Rio de Jan	f	28	79	Zurich	c	6	43

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.